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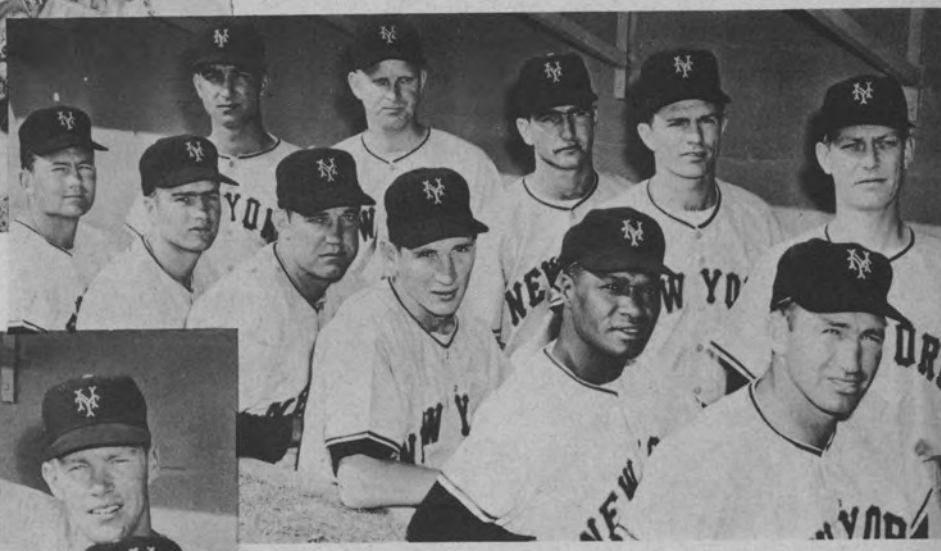
GIANTS' 1954 TEAM

(PITCHERS)

L to R, Sitting: Jim Hearn, Allan Worthington, Al Corwin, Ruben Gomez, George Spencer, Dave Koslo, John Antonelli, Sal Maglie, Mario Picone. Standing: Hoyt Wilhelm, Charles Fowler, Marvin Grissom, Harry Nicholas, Jim Constable, Larry Jansen, John Brady, John McCall, Pete Modica, Don Liddle.

(CATCHERS)

L to R: Wes Westrum, Ray Katt, Ebba St. Claire.



(INFIELDERS)

L to R, Sitting: Dave Williams, Joe Amalfitano, Bob Hofman, Ronald Samford, Henry Thompson, Alvin Dark, captain. Standing, Gail Harris, Carroll Lockman, Foster Castleman, Bill Gardner, Bill Klaus.

(OUTFIELDERS)

L to R, Sitting, Monte Irvin, Don Mueller, Willie Mays, Bill Taylor, Jim Rhodes. Standing, Ray Berns, Harvey Gentry, Grant Dunlap, Gordon Windhorn.

Flags Fly

MR. McGRAW (left) greets Mr. Mack of Athletics during 1905 World Series.

Behind the Giants, as they direct their efforts toward winning the 1954 pennant, is a record of achievement. In fact it is the very best achievement record in the National League, for since 1900 they have won fifteen pennants. No other team has won as many.

The Polo Grounds' pennant story is rich in personality and dramatic performance, composing a memory book that is ever fresh and vivid. Some of baseball's greatest names made the winning plays for the Giants through the years. The roster is long—John McGraw, Christy Mathewson, Joe McGinnity, Larry Doyle, Fred Merkle, George Burns, Art Nehf, Frank Frisch, "Beauty" Bancroft, George Kelly, "Irish" Meusel, Mel Ott, Bill Terry, Carl Hubbell, Dick Bartell, Freddy Fitzsimmons, Hal Schumacher, Sal Maglie, Larry Jansen, Leo Durocher, Monte Irvin and Bobby Thomson. What Polo Grounds' fan will ever forget Bobby's flag-winning homer in 1951 —in the last inning of the final playoff game with Brooklyn?

This section of the year book is dedicated to them, the Polo Grounds' flag winners. Included are the box scores of the pennant clinching victories in each of their fifteen championship years.

RUBE MARQVARD won 19 straight for 1912 Giants, a record.

LARRY DOYLE, popular 2nd sacker, of the NL champs of early 1900's.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1904

Cincinnati	ab	r	h	o	a	New York	ab	r	h	o	a
Seymour, cf.	5	1	2	5	0	Donlin, lf	5	1	3	1	0
Dolan, 1b.	5	0	1	7	0	Browne, rf.	5	1	2	4	0
Sebring, rf.	5	0	1	1	0	McGann, 1b.	2	1	1	7	1
Odwell, lf.	5	2	1	5	0	Bowerman, 1b.	2	0	0	2	0
Steinfeld, 3b.	3	0	0	1	0	Mertes, cf.	4	0	2	3	0
Huggins, 2b.	4	1	2	2	3	Dahlen, ss.	4	1	0	3	3
Peitz, c.	1	0	0	1	0	Devlin, 3b.	3	1	1	1	5
Schlei, c.	2	0	0	2	0	Gilbert, 2b.	4	1	1	2	4
Corcoran, ss.	4	1	1	0	0	O'Rourke, c.	4	1	1	4	0
Kellum, p.	4	0	0	0	2	McGinnity, p.	4	0	0	0	1
Total	38	5	8	24	5	Total	37	7	11	27	14

Cincinnati	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	—	5
New York	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	x	—	7

E.—Dolan, Corcoran, Steinfeld 2, Dahlen, Devlin, Gilbert, O'Rourke. 2B.—Dolan. 3B.—Donlin. H.R.—Seymour, Corcoran. S.B.—McGann 2. S.—Steinfeld. Left—Cincinnati 8, New York 8. B.B.—Off McGinnity 1, Kellum 2. S.O.—By McGinnity 2, Kellum 4. Hit by—Kellum 1. U.—Emslie and Carpenter. T.—1:40.

OCTOBER 4, 1911

New York	ab	r	h	o	a	Brooklyn	ab	r	h	o	a
Devore, lf.	4	1	1	3	0	Northen, cf.	4	0	2	2	0
Doyle, 2b.	3	1	2	1	4	Daubert, 1b.	4	0	0	7	3
Snodgrass, cf.	4	0	1	1	1	Wheat, lf.	4	0	2	1	0
Murray, rf.	4	0	2	1	0	Smith, 3b.	4	0	1	2	0
Merkle, 1b.	3	0	0	10	0	Tooley, ss.	4	0	1	3	0
Devlin, 3b.	3	0	1	0	4	Coulson, rf.	4	0	0	2	0
Fletcher, ss.	3	0	0	2	0	Stark, 2b.	3	0	1	5	4
Meyers, c.	3	0	0	8	1	Erwin, c.	3	0	0	5	1
Mathewson, p.	3	0	1	1	0	Rucker, p.	2	0	0	0	3
						aDaley	1	0	0	0	0
						Knetzer, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Total	30	2	8	27	10	Total	33	0	7	27	11

a—Batted for Rucker in 8th.

New York	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	—	2
Brooklyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0

E.—Northen, Erwin. 2B.—Murray, Wheat. S.B.—Devore, Murray, Northen, Smith. D.P.—Daubert and Tooley. Triple play—Stark, Daubert and Tooley. Left—New York 2, Brooklyn 5. B.B.—Off Knetzer 1. S.O.—By Rucker 5, Mathewson 5. H.—Off Rucker, 6 in 8; Knetzer 2 in 1. W.P.—Knetzer. U.—Klem and Brennan. T.—1:36.

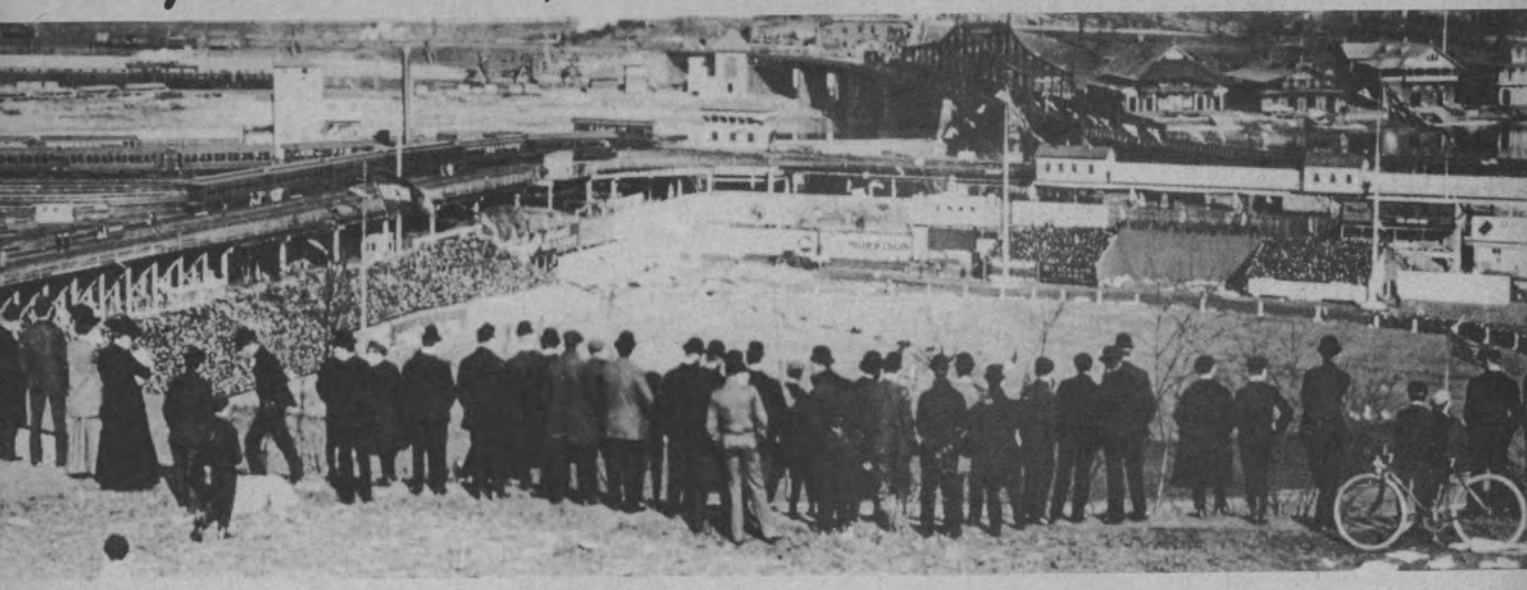
SEPTEMBER 26, 1912

Boston	ab	r	h	o	a	New York	ab	r	h	o	a
Campbell, cf.	4	0	1	1	0	Burns, lf.	3	0	2	1	0
Devlin, 3b.	3	0	0	4	3	Doyle, 2b.	4	0	2	2	3
Sweeney, 2b.	4	0	0	1	3	Snodgrass, cf.	4	0	2	3	0
Kirke, lf.	4	0	1	2	1	Murray, rf.	4	0	2	2	0
Titus, rf.	4	0	1	0	0	Merkle, 1b.	4	1	1	5	0
Houser, 1b.	4	0	2	9	0	Herzog, 3b.	3	1	0	0	2
Maranville, ss.	4	0	0	3	1	Wilson, c.	3	1	1	10	0
Rariden, c.	3	0	0	4	4	Shafer, ss.	1	1	0	3	2
Tyler, p.	3	0	2	0	0	Demaree, p.	3	0	0	1	0
Total	33	0	7	24	12	Total	29	4	10	27	7

Boston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0
New York	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	x	—	4

E.—Maranville. 2B.—Doyle, Houser. 3B.—Kirke. S.B.—Burns, Wilson, Titus. D.P.—Herzog, Doyle and Merkle; Devlin (unassisted). Left—Boston 7; New York 5. B.B.—Off Demaree 1, Tyler 3. S.O.—By Demaree 9, Tyler 4. Hit by—Tyler 1. Passed ball—Rariden. U.—Johnstone and Eason. T.—1:40.

High at Polo Grounds



POLO GROUNDS was magnet for Gotham fans as long ago as 1905 when Giants faced Athletics in World Series.

CHRISTY MATHEWSON, one of baseball's all-time greats. The fabulous Matty boasted a pitching record of 373 victories for the Polo Grounders.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1905

New York	ab	r	h	o	a	St. Louis	ab	r	h	o	a
Bresnahan, c.	1	1	1	3	0	Dunleavy, lf.	4	0	0	2	0
Browne, rf.	5	0	3	1	0	Smoot, cf.	4	0	0	5	1
Donlin, cf.	5	1	1	1	0	Beckley, 1b.	4	1	3	10	2
McGann, 1b.	4	0	1	10	0	Aradt, 2b.	4	0	1	3	6
Mertes, lf.	4	3	2	2	0	Himes, rf.	4	1	1	1	0
Dahlen, ss.	5	1	1	2	4	Leahy, c.	4	0	1	4	0
Devlin, 3b.	2	1	1	0	2	Hoelsk'tter, 3b.	4	0	1	0	1
Neal, 3b.	3	1	0	2	0	McBride, ss.	4	0	0	0	0
Gilbert, 2b.	1	0	1	0	0	Brown, p.	3	0	0	2	1
Strang, 2b.	2	1	0	2	0						
Ames, p.	3	0	1	0	0						
Clarke, c.	1	0	0	4	0						
Elliott, p.	1	0	0	0	1						
Total	37	9	12	27	7	Total	35	2	7	27	11

New York	0	0	6	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1—9
St. Louis	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—2

E.—Beckley. 2B.—Leahy, Dahlen, Gilbert. 3B.—Beckley, Mertes. S.B.—Brown, McGann, Mertes, Devlin. D.P.—Beckley (unassisted). Left—New York 8, St. Louis 6. B.B.—Off Brown 4. S.O.—By Brown 3, Ames 3, Elliott 3. Hits—Off Ames 5 in 5; Elliott 2 in 4. Hit by—Brown 2. W.P.—Brown, Elliott. W.—Ames. U.—Pears and Johnstone. T.—1:32. A.—2,100.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1917

New York	ab	r	h	o	a	St. Louis	ab	r	h	o	a
Burns, lf.	4	0	0	3	0	Long rf.	4	0	0	0	0
Robertson, rf.	4	0	1	3	0	Jack Smith, cf.	3	0	0	2	0
Kauff, cf.	3	2	1	3	0	Betzel, cf.	1	0	0	0	0
Zim'erman, 3b.	2	0	1	1	1	Miller, 2b.	4	0	1	1	4
Fletcher, ss.	1	0	0	3	6	Hornsby, ss.	4	1	1	3	5
J. Smith, 2b.	1	0	0	0	0	Cruise, lf.	4	0	1	2	0
aWilhoit	1	0	0	0	0	Paulette, 1b.	4	0	1	10	0
A. Baird, 2b.	1	0	0	1	3	D. Baird, 3b.	3	0	0	4	2
Holke, 1b.	4	0	1	10	0	Snyder, c.	3	0	2	3	0
McCarty, c.	3	0	0	3	1	bSmyth	0	0	0	0	0
Sallee, p.	4	0	0	0	3	Doak, p.	2	0	0	1	3
						cGonzales, c.	1	0	1	1	0
						Hortsman, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Total	28	2	4	27	14	Total	33	1	7	27	14

aBatted for James Smith in 6th.
bRan for Snyder in 8th.
cBatted for Doak in 8th.

New York	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0—2
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—1

2B.—Zimmerman. S.B.—Kauff, Smyth, Gonzales. H.—Zimmerman. D.P.—Doak, Hornsby and Paulette; D. Baird, Hornsby and Paulette; Fletcher and Holke. Left—New York 7, St. Louis 5. B.B.—Off Doak, 6. S.O.—By Doak 1, Horstman 1, Sallee 3. Hit by—Doak (Fletcher). H.—Off Doak 4 in 8; Horstman 0 in 1. L.—Doak. U.—Klem and Bransfield. T.—1:40.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1913

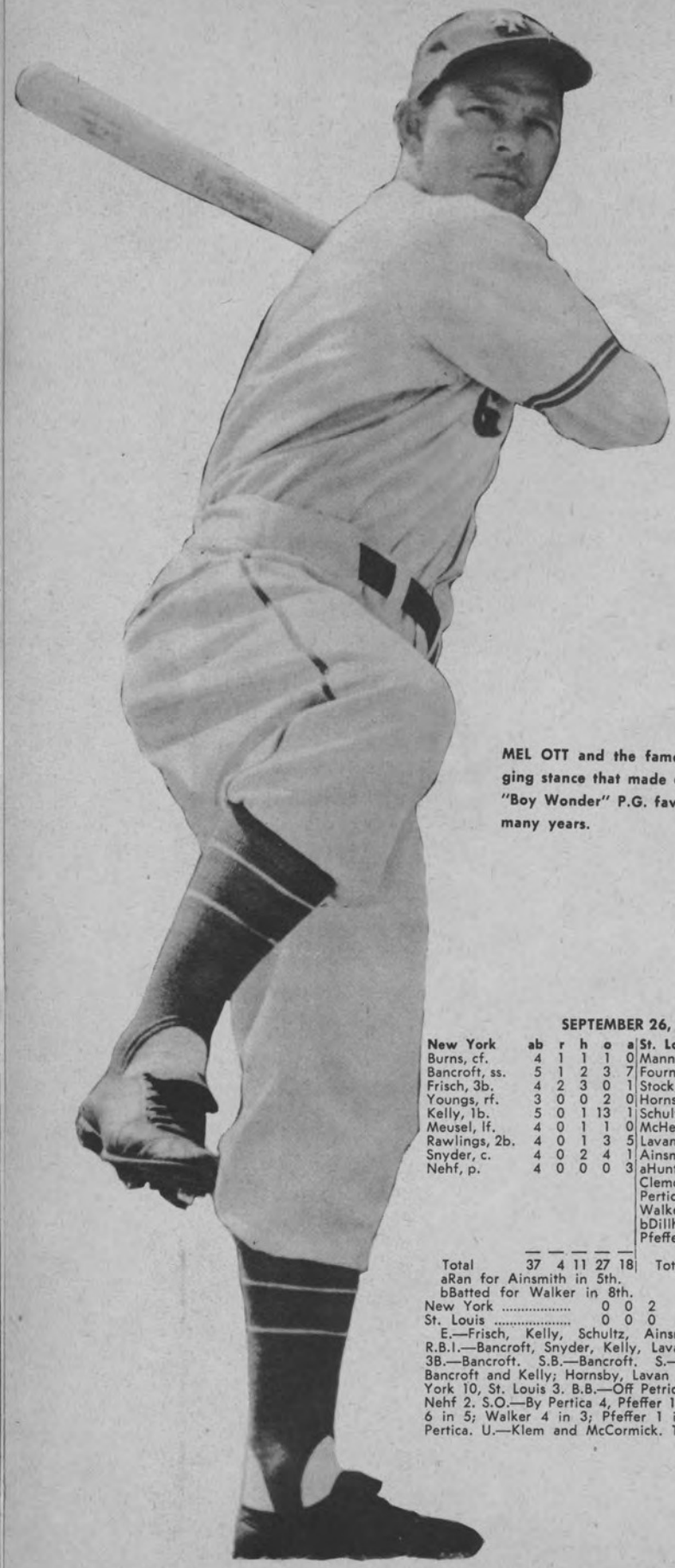
New York	ab	r	h	o	a	Brooklyn	ab	r	h	o	a
Snodgrass, cf.	1	0	1	0	0	Moran, rf.	2	1	1	2	0
Cooper, cf.	2	1	1	2	0	Cutshaw, 2b.	4	1	1	3	2
Herzog, 3b.	4	0	1	1	7	Stengel, cf.	4	0	0	4	0
Fletcher, ss.	4	0	1	0	3	Collins, lf.	4	0	0	2	0
Burns, rf.	4	1	0	0	0	Daubert, 1b.	2	0	1	9	0
Shafer, 2b.	2	0	0	3	3	Smith, 3b.	3	0	1	2	3
Murray, lf.	3	1	1	5	0	aMowe	0	0	0	0	0
Meyers, c.	4	0	1	5	0	R. Fisher, ss.	3	0	0	2	2
Merkle, 1b.	3	1	1	11	0	Allen, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Tesreau, p.	4	0	1	0	1	W. Fisher, c.	4	0	0	3	4
						bKirkpatrick	1	0	0	0	0
						Brown, p.	2	0	0	0	0
						cWheat	1	0	0	0	0
Total	31	4	8	27	14	Total	30	2	4	27	11

aRan for Smith in 9th.
bBatted for Allen in 3rd.
cBatted for Brown in 9th.

New York	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—4
Brooklyn	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—2

E.—Shafer, Markle, Smith. 2B.—Meyers. S.B.—Cooper, Collins, Daubert. S.H.—R. Fisher, Smith. S.—Shafer. Left—New York 7, Brooklyn 7. B.B.—Off Allen 2, Brown 4, Tesreau 4. S.O.—By Allen 1, Brown 3, Tesreau 3. H.—Off Allen 8 in 3; Brown 0 in 6. Passed ball—Meyers. L.—Allen. U.—Rigler and Byron. T.—1:52.

BILL TERRY (left), who won world championship in first full year as Giant pilot, talks things over in dugout with mound ace Carl Hubbell.



MEL OTT and the famous slugging stance that made erstwhile "Boy Wonder" P.G. favorite for many years.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1921

New York	ab	r	h	o	a	St. Louis	ab	r	h	o	a
Burns, cf.	4	1	1	1	0	Mann, cf.	4	0	0	2	0
Bancroft, ss.	5	1	2	3	7	Fournier, 1b.	4	0	0	7	1
Frisch, 3b.	4	2	3	0	1	Stock, 3b.	4	0	1	2	0
Youngs, rf.	3	0	0	2	0	Hornsby, 2b.	3	0	1	2	5
Kelly, 1b.	5	0	1	13	1	Schultz, rf.	3	1	1	3	0
Meusel, lf.	4	0	1	1	0	McHenry, lf.	3	0	1	3	0
Rawlings, 2b.	4	0	1	3	5	Lavan, ss.	2	0	1	3	2
Snyder, c.	4	0	2	4	1	Ainsmith, c.	2	0	0	4	1
Nehf, p.	4	0	0	0	3	aHunter	0	0	0	0	0
						Clemons, c.	2	0	0	1	1
						Pertica, p.	1	0	0	0	0
						Walker, p.	0	0	0	0	1
						bDillhoefer	0	0	0	0	0
						Pfeffer, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Total	37	4	11	27	18	Total	28	1	5	27	11

aRan for Ainsmith in 5th.
bBatted for Walker in 8th.

New York	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	—	4
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—	1

E.—Frisch, Kelly, Schultz, Ainsmith, Pfeffer, Mann 2. R.B.I.—Bancroft, Snyder, Kelly, Lavan. 2B.—Hornsby, Frisch. 3B.—Bancroft. S.B.—Bancroft. S.—Lavan. D.P.—Rawlings, Bancroft and Kelly; Hornsby, Lavan and Fournier. Left—New York 10, St. Louis 3. B.B.—Off Petrica 2, Walker 1, Pfeffer 1, Nehf 2. S.O.—By Pertica 4, Pfeffer 1, Nehf 3. H.—Off Pertica 6 in 5; Walker 4 in 3; Pfeffer 1 in 1. W.P.—Pertica. L.—Pertica. U.—Klem and McCormick. T.—1:51.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1923

Brooklyn	ab	r	h	o	a	New York	ab	r	h	o	a
Bailey, cf.	3	0	0	1	0	Bancroft, ss.	3	0	2	4	4
Johnston, ss.	4	0	1	4	5	Groh, 3b.	3	1	0	0	1
Wheat, lf.	2	0	1	1	0	Frisch, 2b.	3	1	1	4	5
Neis, lf.	1	0	0	0	0	Youngs, rf.	4	0	0	3	0
Fournier, 1b.	4	0	0	7	2	Meusel, lf.	4	1	3	3	0
B. Griffith, rf.	4	0	4	1	0	Stengel, cf.	4	0	2	0	0
Hargreaves, c.	4	0	1	5	2	Cun'ingham, cf.	0	0	0	0	0
Olson, 2b.	3	0	1	2	4	Kelly, 1b.	4	0	2	10	0
High, 3b.	3	0	1	2	2	Snyder, c.	4	0	1	3	3
Grimes, p.	3	0	0	1	2	Nehf, p.	4	0	0	0	2
Total	31	0	9	24	17	Total	33	3	11	27	15

Brooklyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0
New York	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	—	3

E.—B. Griffith. R.B.I.—Meusel 2. 2B.—Kelly, Stengel. S.B.—Snyder, Bancroft, Meusel. D.P.—Nehf, Frisch and Kelly; Groh, Frisch and Kelly; Snyder and Bancroft. Left—Brooklyn 6, New York 9. B.B.—Off Nehf 2, Grimes 2. S.O.—By Nehf 3, Grimes 2. Hit by—Grimes (Bancroft). U.—Klem, McCormick and Finneran. T.—1:37.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1924

Philadelphia	ab	r	h	o	a	New York	ab	r	h	o	a
Sand, ss.	3	1	0	2	1	Lindstrom, 3b.	3	1	1	1	8
Mokan, lf.	4	0	1	1	0	O'Connell, cf.	4	0	1	1	0
Williams, cf.	3	0	0	3	0	Youngs, rf.	3	0	0	2	0
Schultz, rf.	4	0	1	4	0	Kelly, 2b.	3	0	0	2	4
Parkinson, 3b.	4	0	1	2	2	Terry, 1b.	4	1	1	17	0
Holke, 1b.	2	0	1	4	0	L.Wilson, lf.	4	1	2	3	0
Henline, c.	2	0	0	1	1	Jackson, ss.	4	2	3	1	6
Ford, 2b.	3	0	0	0	1	Snyder, c.	4	0	1	0	1
J.Wilson, c.,1b.	3	0	0	7	1	Bentley, p.	4	0	2	0	0
Ring, p.	2	0	0	0	0						
Carlson, p.	1	0	0	0	1						
aWendell	0	0	0	0	0						
bLeach	0	0	0	0	0						
Total	31	1	4	24	7	Total	33	5	11	27	19

aBatted for Carlson in 9th.
bRan for Wendell in 9th.

Philadelphia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1
New York	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	x	—	5

E.—Parkinson, Jackson. R.B.I.—Lindstrom, L. Wilson, Kelly, Jackson. 2B.—O'Connell, Terry, Lindstrom, L. Wilson. S.B.—Lindstrom. S.—Lindstrom, Kelly. D.P.—Kelly, Jackson and Terry. Left—Philadelphia 5, New York 9. B.B.—Off Bentley 2, Ring 3. S.O.—By Ring 5, Carlson 1. H.—Off Ring 9 in 5-2/3; Carlson 2 in 2-1/3. L.—Ring. U.—Moran, O'Day and Quigley. T.—1:41.

SEPTEMBER 17, 1933

New York	ab	r	h	o	a	St. Louis	ab	r	h	o	a
J. Moore, lf.	5	0	1	2	0	Martin, 3b.	2	1	0	1	0
James, 2b.	5	0	1	2	3	Watkins, rf.	4	0	0	3	0
Terry, 1b.	5	1	1	11	0	Frisch, 2b.	4	0	2	2	3
Ott, rf.	5	2	3	1	0	Medwick, lf.	5	0	0	3	0
Davis, cf.	2	1	0	2	0	Collins, 1b.	3	0	1	7	0
aO'Doul	1	0	0	0	0	E. Moore, cf.	3	0	0	3	0
Peel, cf.	0	0	0	1	0	Durocher, ss.	4	1	2	1	3
Dressen, 3b.	4	0	1	1	2	Lewis, c.	4	1	1	7	0
Mancuso, c.	4	0	3	6	0	Dean, p.	3	0	0	0	2
Ryan, ss.	4	0	1	1	5	bCrawford	1	0	1	0	0
Parmelee, p.	2	0	0	0	0	cAllen	0	0	0	0	0
Luque, p.	2	0	0	0	0						
Total	39	4	11	27	10	Total	33	3	7	27	8

aBatted for Davis in 7th.
bBatted for Dean in 9th.
cRan for Crawford in 9th.

New York	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	4
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	—	3

E.—Dean. R.B.I.—Mancuso, Ryan, Ott 2, Lewis. Frisch 2. 2B.—Ott, Lewis, Frisch, Collins. H.R.—Ott. S.—Davis. D.P.—James and Ryan. Left—New York 9, St. Louis 10. B.B.—Off Parmelee 3, Luque 3. S.O.—By Dean 6, Parmelee 2, Luque 4. H.—Off Parmelee 4 in 4-1/3; Luque 3 in 4-2/3. Hit by—Parmelee (Watkins). W.P.—Parmelee. Passed ball—Mancuso. W.—Luque. U.—Klem, Rigler and McGrew. T.—2:20.

BOBBY THOMSON gets royal welcome at home plate after pennant winning homer in 1951.

OCTOBER 3, 1951
(Third Game of Playoff)

Brooklyn	ab	r	h	o	a	New York	ab	r	h	o	a
Furillo, rf.	5	0	0	0	0	Stanky, 2b.	4	0	0	0	4
Reese, ss.	4	2	1	2	5	Dark, ss.	4	1	1	2	2
Snider, cf.	3	1	2	1	0	Mueller, rf.	4	0	1	0	0
Robinson, 2b.	2	1	1	3	2	cHartung	0	1	0	0	0
Pafko, lf.	4	0	1	4	1	Irvin, lf.	4	1	1	1	0
Hodges, 1b.	4	0	0	11	1	Lockman, 1b.	3	1	2	11	1
Cox, 3b.	4	0	2	1	3	Thomson, 3b.	4	1	3	4	1
Walker, c.	4	0	1	2	0	Mays, cf.	3	0	0	1	0
Newcombe, p.	4	0	0	1	1	Westrum, c.	0	0	0	7	1
Branca, p.	0	0	0	0	0	aRigney	1	0	0	0	0
						Noble, c.	0	0	0	0	0
						Maglie, p.	2	0	0	1	2
						bThompson	1	0	0	0	0
						Jansen, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Total	34	4	8*	25	13	Total	30	5	8	27	11

*One out when winning run scored.
aStruck out for Westrum in 8th.
bGrounded out for Maglie in 8th.
cRan for Mueller in 9th.

Brooklyn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	—4
New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	—5

R.B.I.—Lockman, Thomson 4, Robinson, Pafko, Cox (Reese scored on Maglie's wild pitch in eighth). 2B.—Thomson, Irvin, Lockman. H.R.—Thomson. S.—Lockman. D.P.—Cox, Robinson and Hodges; Reese, Robinson and Hodges. Left—Brooklyn 7, New York 3. B.B.—Off Maglie 4, Newcombe 2. S.O.—By Maglie 6, Newcombe 2. H.—Off Maglie 8 in 8; Jansen 0 in 1; Newcombe 7 in 8-1/3; Branca 1 in 0 (pitched to one batter, Thomson in ninth). W.P.—Maglie. W.—Jansen (23-11). L.—Branca (13-12). U.—Jorda, Conlan, Stewart, and Goetz. T.—2:28. A.—34,320 (paid).

SEPTEMBER 22, 1922

St. Louis	ab	r	h	o	a	New York	ab	r	h	o	a
Blades, lf.	4	1	1	1	0	Bancroft, ss.	4	0	1	3	9
J. Smith, cf.	5	1	0	2	0	Groh, 3b.	5	0	0	1	1
Hornsby,2b.	5	1	3	3	2	Frisch, 2b.	5	2	3	6	6
Bottomley, 1b.	3	0	1	8	0	Meusel, lf.	4	0	1	1	0
Stock, 3b.	4	1	2	4	0	Youngs, rf.	3	2	1	2	1
Schultz, rf.	4	0	1	1	0	Kelly, 1b.	5	1	3	10	2
Lavan, ss.	3	0	0	3	3	Stengel, cf.	3	0	1	1	1
Clemons, c.	2	0	0	5	1	Cun'ingham, cf.	0	0	0	1	0
Pfeffer, p.	3	0	0	1	4	aE. Smith	1	0	1	0	0
						King, cf.	0	0	0	1	0
						Snyder, c.	3	0	0	4	1
						McQuillan, p.	3	0	0	0	1
						bRobertson	1	0	0	0	0
						Ryan, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Total	33	4	8*	28	10	Total	37	5	11	30	22

*One out when winning run scored.
aBatted for Cunningham in 9th.
bBatted for McQuillan in 9th.

St. Louis	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—4
New York	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	—5

E.—Kelly. R.B.I.—Bottomley 2, Stock, Lavan, Meusel, Kelly 3, E. Smith. 2B.—Bancroft, Youngs. 3B.—Hornsby, Frisch. H.R.—Kelly. S.—Bottomley, Lavan, Meusel. D.P.—Bancroft, Frisch and Kelly; Frisch, Bancroft and Kelly. Left—St. Louis 5, New York 9. B.B.—Off McQuillan 3, Ryan 1, Pfeffer 4. S.O.—By McQuillan 1; Ryan 1, Pfeffer 4. H.—Off McQuillan 8 in 9; Ryan 0 in 1. W.—Ryan. U.—Rigler and Klem. T.—1:50.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1936

New York	ab	r	h	o	a	Boston	ab	r	h	o	a
J. Moore, lf.	5	0	0	2	0	Urbanski, 3b.	5	0	1	1	2
Bartell, ss.	4	0	1	0	6	Jordan, 1b.	5	0	1	11	0
Ott, rf.	3	0	0	1	0	E. Moore, rf.	5	1	1	2	0
Ripple, cf.	4	0	2	2	0	Cuccinello, 2b.	3	0	2	2	5
Leslie, 1b.	4	1	1	15	1	Lee, lf.	4	0	0	3	0
Mancuso, c.	4	0	0	5	0	Thompson, cf.	4	0	1	1	0
Whitehead, 2b.	4	0	2	5	5	Warstler, ss.	4	0	1	4	5
Jackson, 3b.	4	1	0	0	1	Lopez, c.	4	0	0	6	0
Schumacher, p.	4	0	1	0	7	MacFayden, p.	3	0	0	0	2
						aLewis	1	0	0	0	0
Total	36	2	7	30	20	Total	38	1	7	30	14

aBatted for MacFayden in 10th.

New York	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—2
Boston	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—1

E.—Bartell, Whitehead, Urbanski. R.B.I.—Whitehead, Schumacher, Thompson. S.—Cuccinello. D.P.—Cuccinello, Warstler and Jordan 2. Left—New York 6, Boston 8. B.B.—Off MacFayden 2. S.O.—By MacFayden 4, Schumacher 4. U.—Magerkurth, Parker and Klem. T.—1:55.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1937

New York	ab	r	h	o	a	Philadelphia	ab	r	h	o	a
J. Moore, lf.	5	1	2	0	0	Norris, 2b.	4	0	1	3	4
Bartell, ss.	4	1	3	3	3	Browne, cf.	4	0	0	3	0
Ott, 3b	2	0	2	1	2	Klein, rf.	4	0	1	1	0
Ripple, lf.	2	0	0	1	0	Camilli, 1b.	4	1	2	10	0
McCarthy, 1b.	4	0	0	9	0	Arnovich, lf.	4	0	0	4	0
Chiozza, cf.	4	0	0	1	0	Walters, 3b.	3	0	0	1	2
Mancuso, c.	4	0	0	9	1	Atwood, c.	2	0	1	2	0
Whitehead, 2b.	4	0	0	3	2	Scharein, ss.	3	0	0	3	3
Hubbell, p.	4	0	1	0	2	Passeau, p.	2	0	0	0	3
						aWhitney	1	0	0	0	0
						Mulcahy, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Total	33	2	8	27	10	Total	31	1	5	27	12

aBatted for Passeau in 8th.

New York	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—2
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—1

R.B.I.—McCarthy 2, Camilli. 2B.—Klein, Ott 2, Atwood. H.R.—Camilli. S.—Ott. D.P.—Scharein and Norris. Left—New York 8, Philadelphia 4. B.B.—Off Passeau 3, Hubbell 1. S.O.—By Hubbell 9, Passeau 1, Mulcahy 1. H.—Off Passeau 8 ih 8; Mulcahy 0 in 1. L.—Passeau. U.—Stark, Klem and Goetz. T.—2:10.

FRANK FRISCH, the Fordham Flash, rapidly soared to Polo Grounds fame.

NEW YORK NATIONAL

LEO DUROCHER, Manager

PITCHERS	BIRTHPLACE	HOW SECURED	CLUB IN 1953
ANTONELLI, JOHN	Rochester, N. Y. (4-19-30)	Secured Milwaukee 1954	Milwaukee
CORWIN, AL	Newburgh, N. Y. (12-3-26)	Recalled Minneapolis 1952	New York
FOWLER, CHARLES	Belleville, Ill. (4-27-30)	Purchased Jacksonville 1951	National Defense List
GOMEZ, RUBEN	Arroyo, P. R. (7-13-27)	Free Agent 1953	New York
GRISSOM, MARVIN	Los Molinas, Cal. (3-31-18)	Purchased Boston (A) 1953	Boston (A) New York
HEARN, JIM	Atlanta, Ga. (4-11-23)	Purchased St. Louis 1950	New York
JANSEN, LARRY	Forest Grove, Ore. (7-16-20)	Purchased San Francisco 1946	New York
KOSLO, DAVE	Menasha, Wis. (3-31-20)	Purchased Milwaukee 1941	New York
LIDDLE, DON	Mt. Carmel, Ill. (5-25-26)	Secured Milwaukee 1954	Milwaukee
MAGLIE, SAL	Niagara Falls, N. Y. (4-26-17)	Purchased Jersey City 1945	New York
McCALL, JOHN	San Francisco, Cal. (6-18-25)	Purchased San Francisco 1952	San Francisco
MODICA, PETE	New Orleans, La. (1-25-23)	Purchased Nashville 1953	Nashville
NICHOLAS, HARRY	Valley Stream, N. Y. (9-28-29)	Purchased Minneapolis 1953	Minneapolis
PICONE, MARIO	Brooklyn, N. Y. (7-5-26)	Recalled Minneapolis 1953	Minneapolis
SPENCER, GEORGE	Columbus, Ohio (7-7-26)	Purchased Jersey City 1950	Minneapolis
WILHELM, HOYT	Huntersville, N. C. (7-23-23)	Purchased Minneapolis 1951	New York
WORTHINGTON, ALLAN	Birmingham, Ala. (2-5-30)	Purchased Minneapolis 1953	Minneapolis New York
CATCHERS			
KATT, RAY	New Braunfels, Tex. (5-9-27)	Recalled Minneapolis 1953	Minneapolis New York
WESTRUM, WES	Clearbrook, Minn. (11-28-22)	Purchased Jersey City 1947	New York
ST. CLAIRE, EBBA	Whitehall, N. Y. (8-5-21)	Secured Milwaukee 1954	Milwaukee
INFIELDERS			
AMALFITANO, JOE	San Pedro, Cal. (1-23-34)	Signed Free Agent 1954	Free Agent
CASTLEMAN, FOSTER	Nashville, Tenn. (1-1-31)	Recalled Minneapolis 1953	Minneapolis
DARK, ALVIN	Comache, Okla. (1-7-23)	Secured Boston 1949	New York
GARDNER, WILLIAM	New London, Conn. (7-19-27)	Purchased Nashville 1953	Nashville
GILBERT, HAROLD	New Orleans, La. (4-4-29)	Purchased Minneapolis 1950	New York
HARRIS, GAIL	Abingdon, Va. (10-15-31)	Purchased Nashville 1953	Nashville
HOFMAN, BOB	St. Louis, Mo. (10-5-25)	Purchased Sioux City 1947	New York
KLAUS, WILLIAM	Spring Grove, Ill. (12-9-28)	Secured Milwaukee 1954	Toledo
LOCKMAN, WHITEY	Lowell, N. C. (7-25-26)	Purchased Jersey City 1945	New York
SAMFORD, RONALD	Dallas, Tex. (2-28-30)	Recalled Minneapolis 1953	Minneapolis
SPENCER, DARYL	Wichita, Ka. (7-13-29)	Purchased Minneapolis 1952	New York
THOMPSON, HANK	Oklahoma City, Okla. (12-8-25)	Purchased Jersey City 1949	New York
WILLIAMS, DAVE	Dallas, Tex. (11-2-28)	Purchased Atlanta 1948	New York
OUTFIELDERS			
BERNS, RAY	Detroit, Mich. (6-7-27)	Purchased Minneapolis 1953	Minneapolis
GENTRY, HARVEY	Winston Salem, N. C. (5-27-26)	Recalled Nashville, 1953	Nashville
IRVIN, MONTE	Orange, N. J. (2-25-21)	Purchased Jersey City 1948	New York
MAYS, WILLIE	Westfield, Ala. (5-6-31)	Purchased Minneapolis 1951	National Defense List
MUELLER, DON	St. Louis, Mo. (4-14-27)	Purchased Jacksonville 1947	New York
RHODES, JIM	Mathews, Ala. (5-13-27)	Purchased Nashville 1952	New York
TAYLOR, BILL	Alhambra, Cal. (12-30-29)	Recalled Nashville 1953	Minneapolis Nashville

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LEAGUE BASEBALL CLUB

COACHES: FRED FITZSIMMONS, HERMAN FRANKS, FRANK SHELLENBACK

T	B	WGT	HGT	HOME ADDRESS	G	CG	IP	W	L	H	SO	BB	ER	ER Aver.	MLLPR*
L	L	190	6-0	Lexington, Mass.	31	11	175	12	12	167	131	71	62	3.19	17-22
R	R	170	6-1	Newburgh, N. Y.	48	2	107	6	4	122	49	68	59	4.96	17-6
R	R	175	6-2	Belleville, Ill.											
R	R	175	6	Santurce, P. R.	29	13	204	13	11	166	113	101	77	3.40	13-11
R	R	195	6-3	Red Bluff, Cal.	13	1	59	2	6	61	31	30	34	4.73	20-24
					21	3	84	4	2	83	46	31	37	3.96	
R	R	200	6-3	Atlanta, Ga.	36	6	197	9	12	206	77	84	99	4.52	72-48
R	R	190	6-2	Forest Grove, Ore.	36	6	185	11	16	185	88	55	85	4.14	118-84
L	L	185	5-11	Menasha, Wis.	37	2	112	6	12	135	36	36	59	4.74	91-104
L	L	165	5-10	Mt. Carmel, Ill.	31	4	129	7	6	119	63	55	44	3.07	7-6
R	R	190	6-2	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	27	9	145	8	9	158	80	47	67	4.16	72-31
L	L	180	6	San Francisco, Cal.	36	9	151	12	7	145	91	55	51	3.05	0-1
R	R	155	6	New Orleans, La.	42	2	104	9	5	85	85	55	39	3.38	
R	R	180	6-2	Valley Stream, N. Y.	36	7	161	7	13	157	91	76	82	4.58	
R	R	190	5-10	Brooklyn, N. Y.	37	13	209	14	8	210	129	95	110	4.74	0-1
R	R	200	6-0	Columbus, Ohio	50	0	119	7	8	154	37	35	57	4.31	14-9
R	R	190	6	Charlotte, N. C.	68	0	145	7	8	127	71	77	49	3.04	22-11
R	R	205	6-2	Birmingham, Ala.	17	9	118	9	5	114	74	50	38	2.90	
					20	5	102	4	8	103	52	55	39	3.44	4-8

					G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	B.A.	MLLBA**
R	R	200	6-2	New Braunfels, Tex.	114	448	76	146	31	3	28	98	.326	
					8	29	2	5	1	0	0	1	.172	.198
R	R	190	5-11	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	107	290	40	65	5	0	12	30	.224	.223
R	R-L	215	6-1	Whitehall, N. Y.	33	80	7	16	3	0	12	5	.200	.248
R	R	180	5-11	San Pedro, Cal.										
R	R	175	6	Jacksonville, Fla.	20	68	10	25	5	0	0	13	.368	
R	R	185	5-11	Lake Charles, La.	155	647	126	194	41	6	23	88	.300	.297
R	R	170	6	New London, Conn.	153	591	88	182	42	5	10	71	.308	
R	L	185	6-3	New Orleans, La.	70	160	12	27	3	0	3	16	.169	.203
L	L	195	6	Abingdon, Va.	150	565	75	159	23	1	25	86	.281	
R	R	175	5-11	St. Louis, Mo.	74	169	21	45	7	2	12	34	.266	.261
R	L	160	5-10	Fox Lake, Ill.	144	597	88	164	41	5	10	61	.275	.000
R	L	180	6-2	Charlotte, N. C.	156	607	85	179	22	4	9	61	.295	.293
R	R	165	5-9	Dallas, Tex.	143	576	82	161	35	3	12	52	.280	
R	R	190	6-2	Wichita, Ka.	118	408	55	85	18	5	20	56	.208	.212
R	L	175	5-10	New York City	114	388	80	117	15	8	24	74	.302	.275
R	R	165	5-10	Dallas, Tex.	112	340	51	101	11	2	3	34	.297	.269
R	L	180	5-11	Detroit, Mich.	94	272	40	77	20	1	7	37	.283	
R	L	170	6	Bristol, Tenn.	150	555	109	163	30	5	15	73	.294	
R	R	195	6-1	Orange, N. J.	124	444	72	146	21	5	21	97	.329	.309
R	R	170	5-11	Fairfield, Ala.										.267
R	L	180	6	St. Louis, Mo.	131	480	56	160	12	2	6	60	.333	.297
R	L	180	6	Montgomery, Ala.	76	163	18	38	7	0	11	30	.233	.241
R	L	210	6-4	Arcadia, Cal.	37	130	17	29	4	1	7	28	.223	
					107	406	75	142	21	2	22	93	.350	

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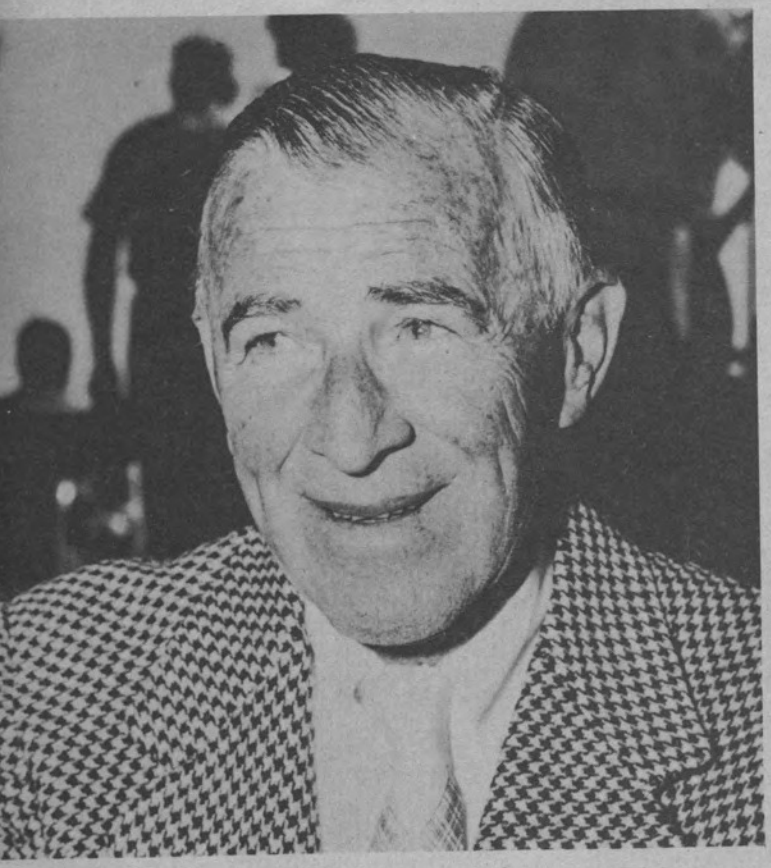

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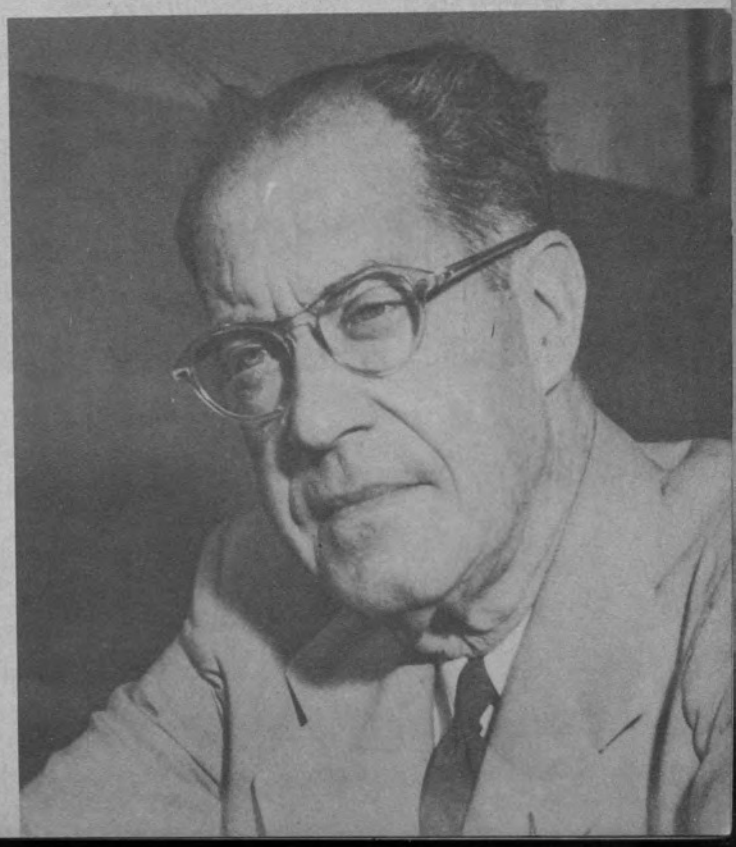
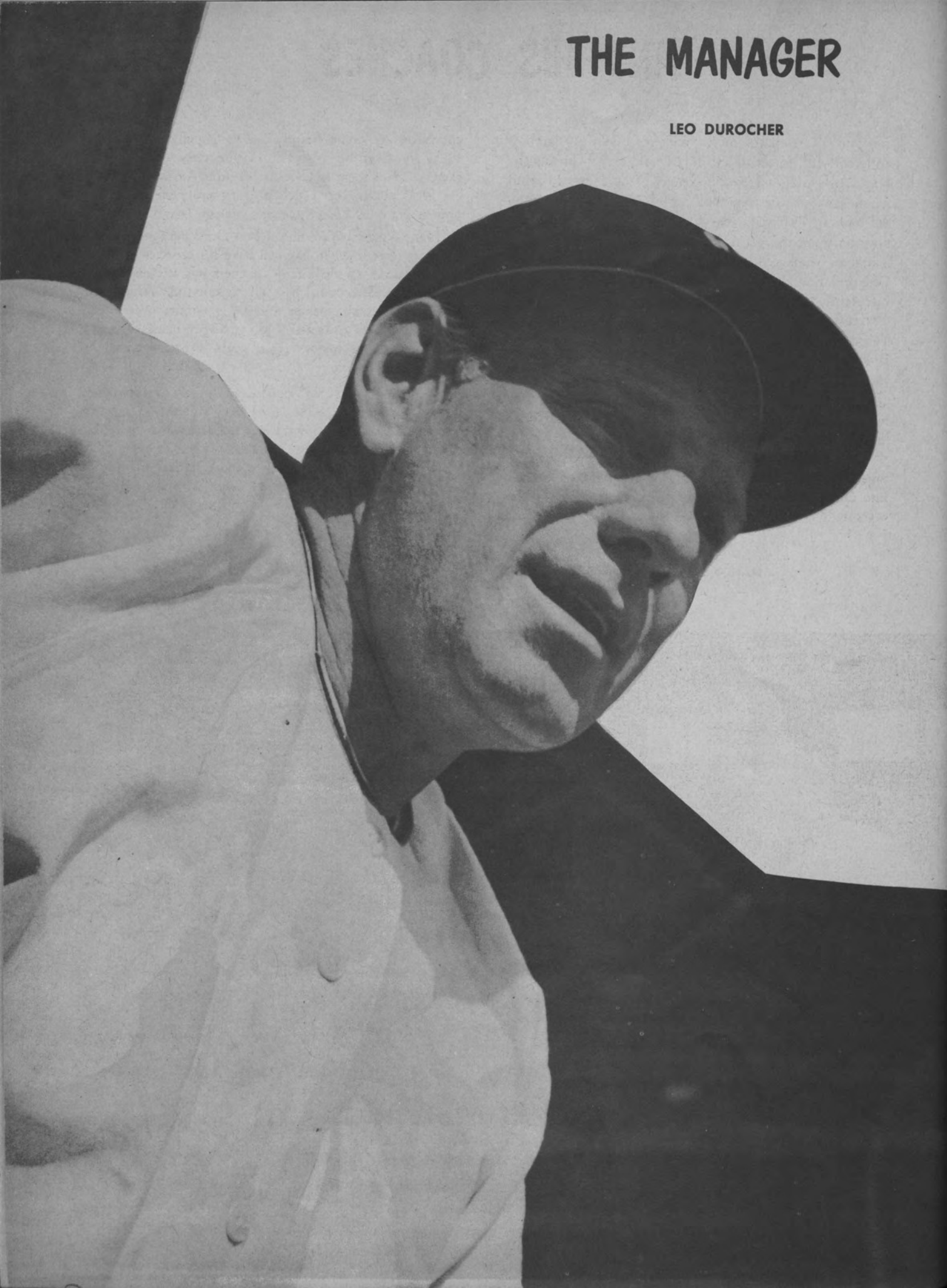


NEW YORK GIANTS FARM SYSTEM

CLUB	MANAGER	LEAGUE	CLASS
Minneapolis	Bill Rigney	Amer. Ass'n.	AAA
Nashville	Hugh Poland	South. Ass'n.	AA
Sioux City	Dave Garcia	Western	A
Danville, Va.	Andy Gilbert	Carolina	B
Muskogee	Johnny Davenport	West. Ass'n.	C
St. Cloud	Charles Fox	Northern	C
Danville, Ill.	Richard Klaus	M.O.V.	C
Mayfield, Ky.	John (Red) Davis	Kitty	D
Olean	Austin Knickerbocker	Pony	D

THE MANAGER

LEO DUROCHER



AND HIS COACHES

One of baseball's most vivid personalities—flamboyantly colorful, forceful, and highly successful—directs the New York Giants. Leo Durocher's name comes to mind whenever baseball is a topic of discussion, and among the modern day managers none has made a deeper impression upon the game. The Giants have had only four managers since 1902—John McGraw, Bill Terry, Mel Ott, and now Durocher—and as the last of them Leo maintains the tradition of success and eminence.

He was a great player for fifteen years with the Yankees, Cincinnati Reds, St. Louis Cardinals, and the Brooklyn Dodgers, and has been a winning manager for fourteen more. His career ties together three generations of major league ball players, and he was a commanding figure in all of them. The 1954 season is another challenge to his talents and unquenchable drive.

Fred Fitzsimmons, the Giants' first base coach is a longtime Polo Grounds' favorite. In fact he goes back further into Giant history than anybody else connected with the organization, excepting only President Horace Stoneham, and Secretary Eddie Brannick. Fitz joined the Giants in 1925, and over his National League career he won 217 games, 169 of them as a Giant. A former manager himself (at Philadelphia) his experience fits him perfectly for his present place on Leo Durocher's strategy board.

Frank Shellenback is one of Boss Durocher's most valued assistants. Few men in baseball have his capacity to teach, and the success of the Giants' pitchers is a tribute to him. Shelly has a tremendous baseball background. He was the last of the spitball pitchers and a big winner over fifteen seasons. He was a successful minor league manager, and a coach on several major league clubs before joining the Giants' organization.

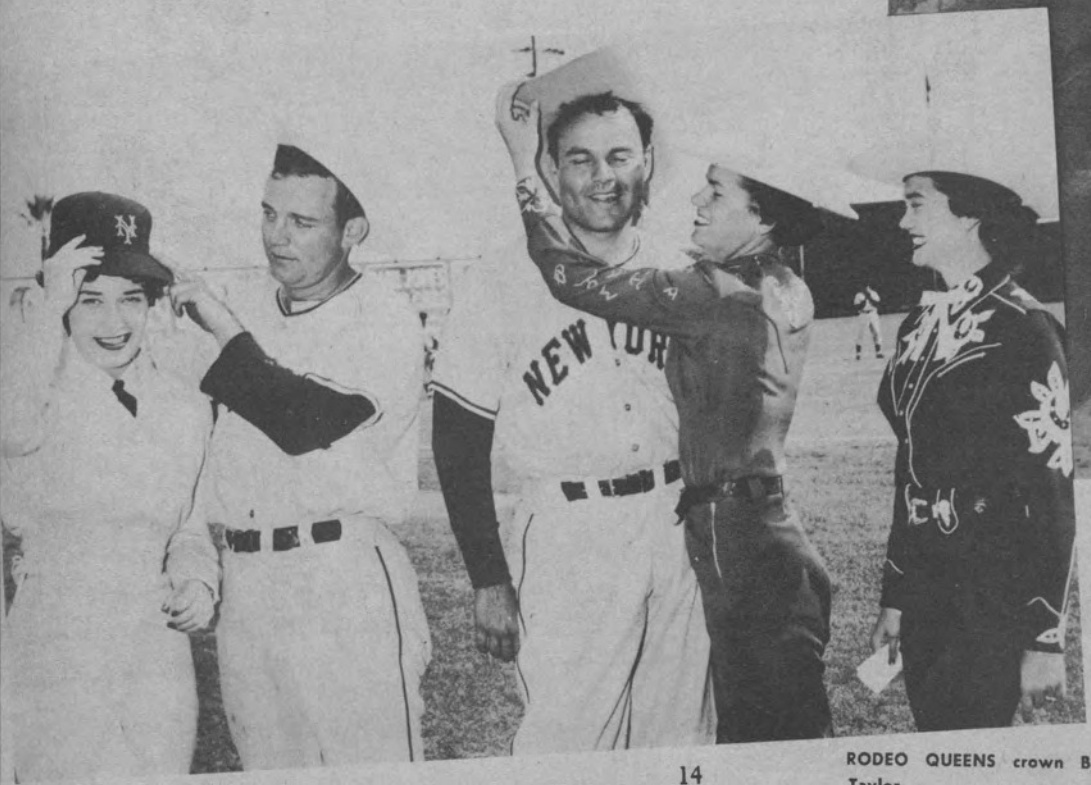
Herman Franks has won Leo Durocher's confidence through a long association. A catcher with the Dodgers in the early '40's, Franks impressed Leo even then with his sound grasp of baseball detail. Leo kept his erstwhile catcher in mind while Herman acquired more tactical training as manager at St. Paul and pitcher coach with the Athletics, and brought him to the Polo Grounds in 1948.

STRATEGY SESSION: — Manager Durocher in a pre-game confab with his coaches, from left to right, Herman Franks, Frank Shellenback and Fred Fitzsimmons.

Spring Training

HORACE STONEHAM, Giant president, welcomes Ruben Gomez at Spring camp.

WILLIE MAYS waves greetings to fans as he trots out on field to rejoin Polo Grounds brigade after two years in Uncle Sam's Army.



RODEO QUEENS crown Bobby Hofman and Bill Taylor.

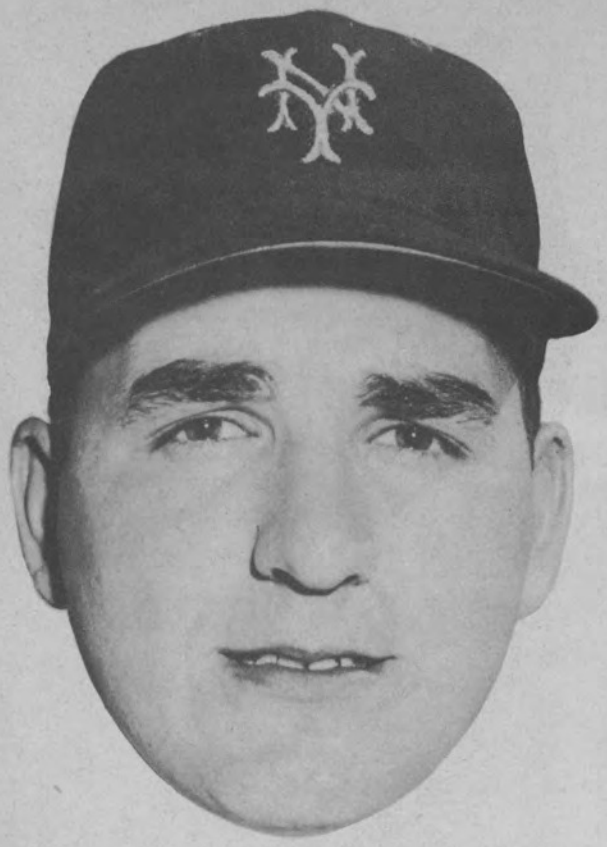
Highlights

BRAVE from Phoenix Indian School gets some pointers on scalping the horsehide from Giant expert Monte Irvin.

DR. ANTHONY PALERMO (right) and Frank "Doc" Bowman are key figures in keeping Giants clicking as they guard health and condition of athletes.

GENE DARK tosses glove to dad, Alvin, Giant team captain, at Spring drills.

JOHN ANTONELLI and wife Rosemarie play with 5-months-old daughter Lisa.

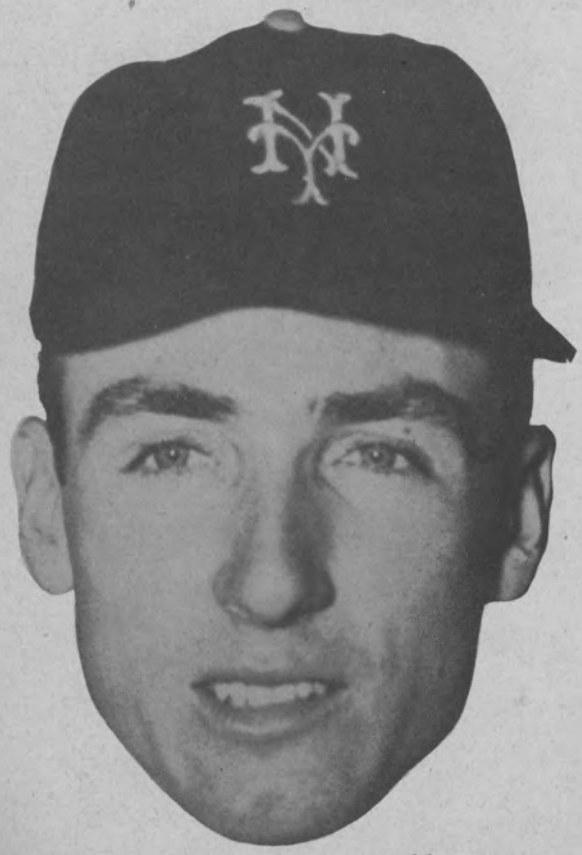


John Antonelli

Year	Club	G	CG	IP	W	L	H	SO	BB	ER	ERA.
1948	Boston	4	0	4	0	0	2	0	3	1	2.25
1949	Boston	22	3	96	3	7	99	48	42	38	3.56
1950	Boston	20	2	59	2	3	81	33	22	38	5.80
	(National Defense List 1951, '52)										
1953	Milwaukee	31	11	175	12	12	167	131	71	62	3.19

The powerful left hander acquired in the big off-season deal with Milwaukee . . . Because of Army service his major league career has been limited to virtually one full season, but that one, at Milwaukee in 1953, identified him as one of the league's outstanding young pitchers . . . Won 12 and Lost 12, but his Earned Run average, 3.19 was the fifth best in the whole league . . . noteworthy, too, was his performance in striking out 131 hitters in 175 innings. . . .

Originally, a $75,000 bonus baby . . . signed by the Braves after he had compiled sensational sandlot and high school records in his native Rochester . . . Is only twenty four years old now . . . Is married and makes his home at Lexington, Mass. . . .



None of the younger pitchers on the Giants' staff has compiled a better pitching record than handsome Al Corwin . . . His three campaigns at the Polo Grounds have all been winners . . . Performed a great emergency job in 1951, when as a late season addition to the staff he won five out of six . . . improved on that mark in 1952 with a six out of seven record . . . overall he has won 17 and lost 6 in Giant livery. . . .

Virtually a home town product, as a native of Newburgh, Corwin began his career far afield . . . started on the West Coast after his release from the service . . . started in the Giant organization at Reno in 1948 . . . moved up to the Polo Grounds through Trenton, Jacksonville, Ottawa and Minneapolis. . . .

Al Corwin

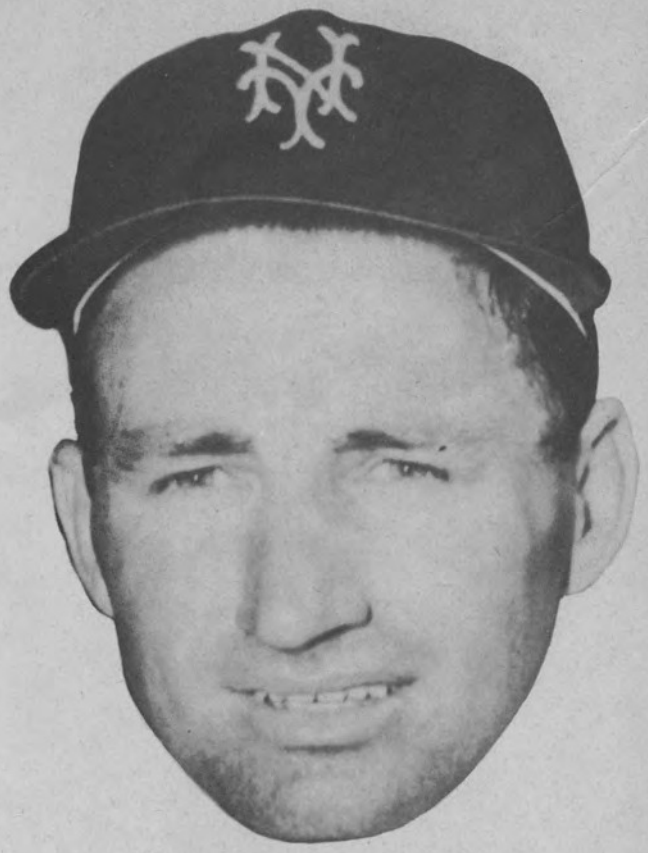
Year	Club	G	CG	IP	W	L	H	SO	BB	ER	ERA.
1948	Reno	40	26	280	26	9	260	251	156	110	3.54
1949	Trenton	31	21	220	15	11	207	166	89	74	3.03
1950	Jacksonville	37	12	195	9	18	216	149	112	99	4.57
1951	Ottawa	21	4	91	2	4	64	51	51	25	2.47
1951	New York	15	3	59	5	1	49	30	21	24	3.66
1952	Minneapolis	26	7	159	8	11	166	133	111	89	5.04
1952	New York	21	1	68	6	1	58	36	36	20	2.65
1953	New York	48	2	107	6	4	122	49	68	59	4.96

Alvin Dark

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PCT.
1946	Boston (N)	15	13	0	3	6	3	0	0	1	.231
1947	Milwaukee	149	614	121	186	279	49	7	10	66	.303
1948	Boston	137	543	85	175	235	39	6	3	48	.322
1949	Boston	130	529	74	146	188	23	5	3	53	.276
1950	New York	154	587	79	164	258	36	5	16	67	.279
1951	New York	156	646	114	196	293	41	7	14	69	.303
1952	New York	151	589	92	177	262	29	3	14	73	.301
1953	New York	155	647	126	194	316	41	6	23	88	.300

Had all the Giants followed the example of their field captain, Alvin Dark, the 1953 campaign would not have been the disappointment it was . . . for Captain Alvin it was one of his better seasons—and all of his have been top class . . . he peeled off 194 hits, whacked 23 homers, knocked in 88 runs, and for the third successive year hit .300 . . . also he played in 155 games, to increase his total to 616 over four years at the Polo Grounds . . . that's average of 154 per season, just about par for the course. . . .

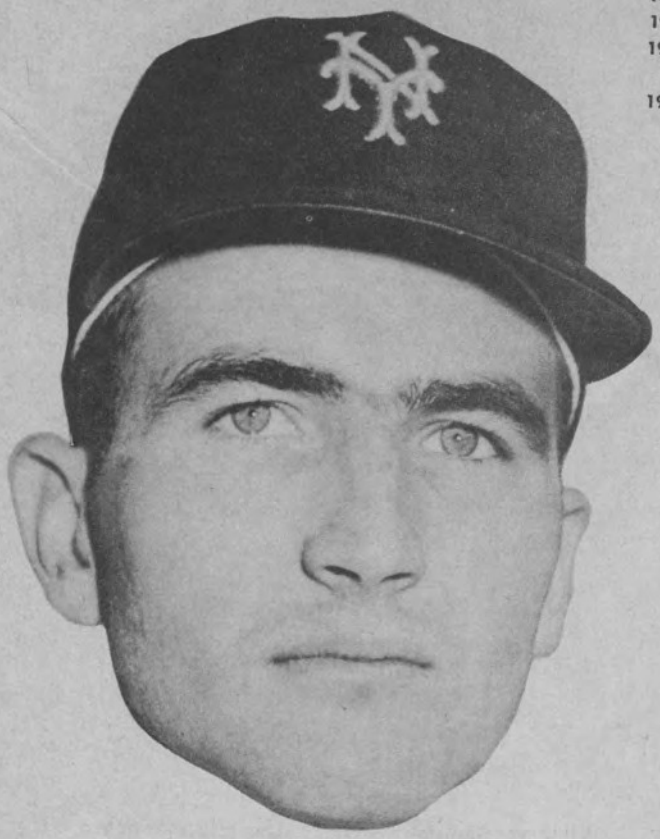
Ever since he was the "rookie of the year" in his first season at Boston in 1948, Dark has been one of the National League's top players . . . A great player, a greater competitor, and a natural leader . . . Won a captain's commission in the Marines during the War . . . and before that was an outstanding football player at L. S. U. . . . the father of two children he makes his home at Lake Charles, La.



AL DARK bulwarks defense as he hurdles foe to rifle ball to first base for spectacular double-play.

Foster Castleman

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PCT.
1949	Fort Smith	131	478	68	134	170	20	5	2	75	.280
1950	Knoxville	149	559	66	153	208	29	4	6	75	.274
	(National Defense List 1951-52)										
1953	Minneapolis	20	68	10	25	30	5	0	0	13	.368

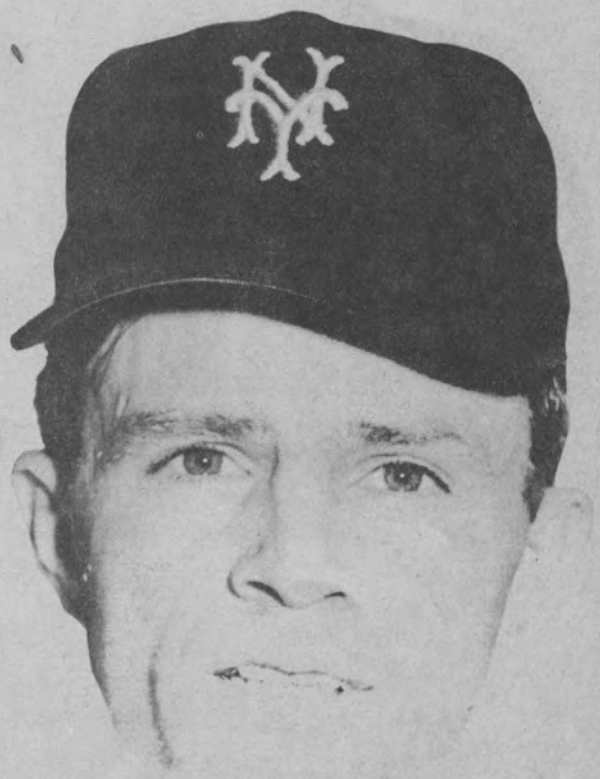


Young, handsome and talented, Foster Castleman comes to the Polo Grounds tagged as one of the finest infield prospects in the Giants' organization. His professional experience is limited, but all of it has revealed unusual playing abilities. Served two years in the Navy, after his second minor league season, and he returned last year to command instant attention at Minneapolis.

Castleman played only through the late season at Minneapolis, because of an early year knee operation to correct an injury suffered during his Navy term. The Giants made certain that the knee was completely mended before they allowed him to play. But when he did get back into action he proceeded to play even better baseball than ever before. He hit .368 for the Millers and fielded brilliantly. Foster makes his home in Jacksonville, Fla.

An infielder who "found himself" only belatedly, but came with a rush when he did . . . as a standout infielder in the Southern League, last year, at Nashville, he attracted the attention of and bids from a half dozen major league scouts, but the Giants decided they could put his suddenly developed skills to the best use at the Polo Grounds . . . a brilliant fielder, he last year upped his batting average to .308.

A native of New London, Gardner has been playing since 1945 . . . always rated a fine prospect, he failed during his early career to qualify with his batting marks . . . somewhere along the line last year he found the right answers and after that all the pieces fell into place . . . For all his minor league experience Gardner is only 26, so he still has time aplenty in which to carve out a major league career.

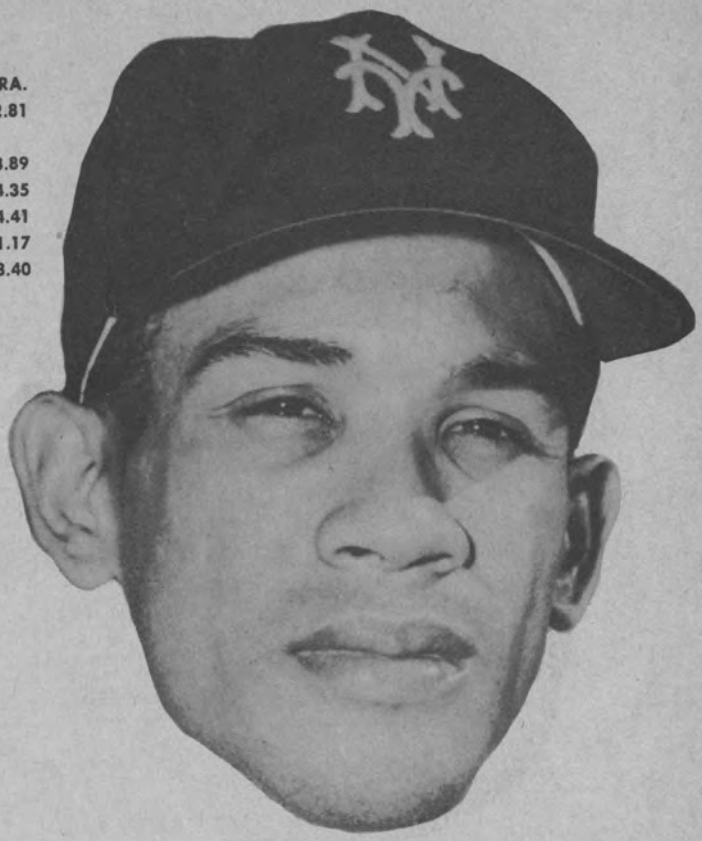


William Gardner

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PCT.
1945	Jersey City	49	172	16	47	58	4	2	1	20	.273
1947	Jacksonville	110	423	55	111	142	18	5	1	41	.262
1948	Jacksonville	154	548	66	140	183	26	4	3	66	.255
1949	Minneapolis	17	28	7	5	11	0	0	2	6	.179
1950	Sioux City	154	581	96	176	288	32	7	22	118	.303
1951	Ottawa	150	555	56	128	168	20	6	3	37	231
1952	Minneapolis	93	224	29	58	78	15	1	1	15	.259
1953	Nashville	153	591	88	182	264	42	5	10	71	.308

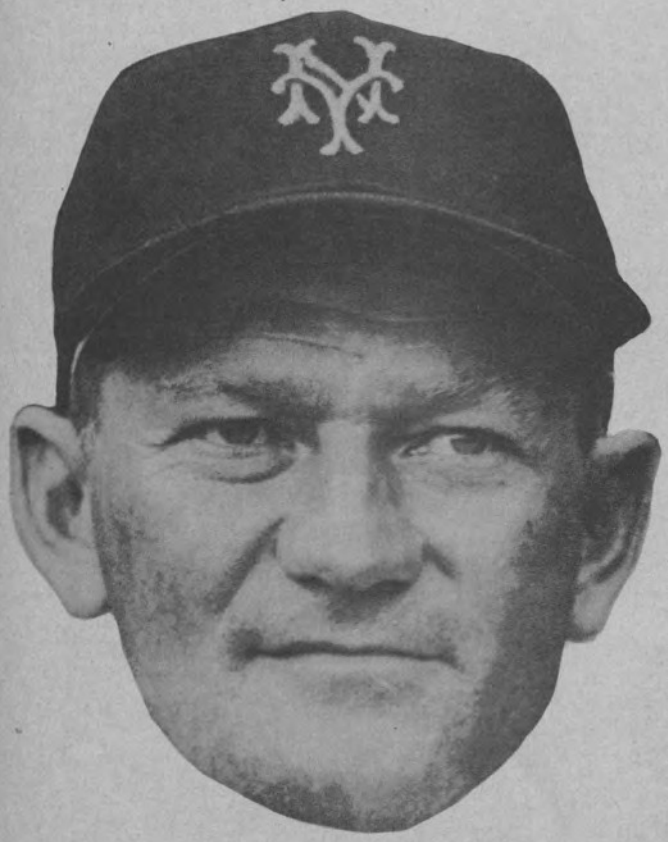
Ruben Gomez

Year	Club	G	CG	IP	W	L	H	SO	BB	ER	ERA.
1949	Bristol	11	3	48	5	1	44	86	68	15	2.81
1950	Bristol	3	1	15	1	0	13	7	16		
1950	St. Jean	26	17	180	14	4	174	140	86	78	3.89
1951	Havana	4	2	31	1	2	30	19	19	15	4.35
1951	St. Jean	28	13	153	12	6	155	135	81	75	4.41
1952	Kansas City	5	0	10	1	0	16	4	6	13	1.17
1953	New York	29	13	204	13	11	166	113	101	77	3.40



The brightest single development of the Polo Grounds' campaign in 1953 was the flamboyant Puerto Rican, Ruben Gomez . . . Immediately popular with the fans, and a highly successful workman all season long . . . even though he had never pitched in the majors before . . . Pitched thirteen complete games, won thirteen while losing eleven, and his earned run average was a spectacular 3.40 . . . the fans approved of his spirit and dash, liked his "hustle" and drive . . . a good hitter for a pitcher and a flashy fielder. . . .

Recommended to the Giants by Scout Tom Sheehan, who "discovered" him while making his annual tour of the Caribbean Winter League circuits . . . Gomez was pitching then for the Santurce Club of the Puerto Rican League . . . His screw ball is rated one of the most effective in the majors. . . .

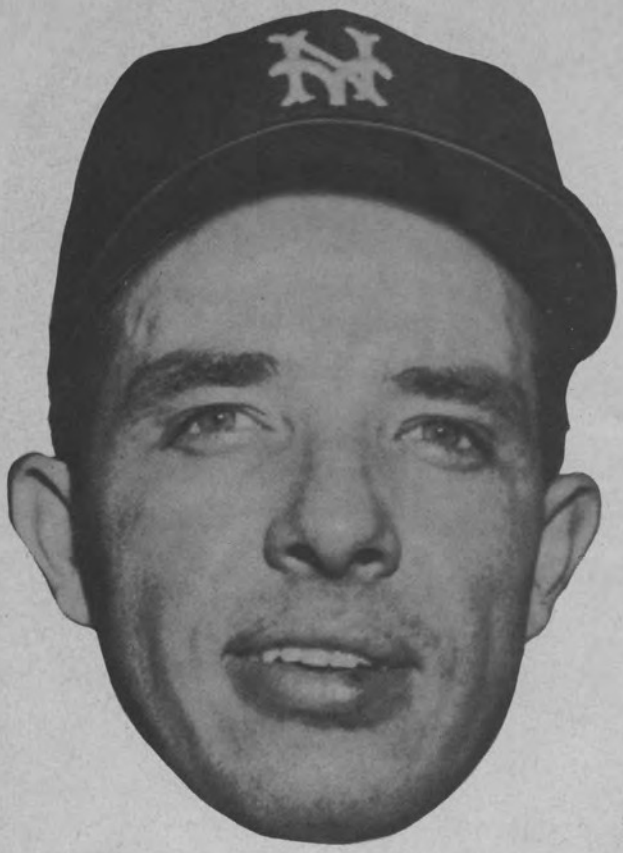


The veteran right hander who created such a profound impression during the later stages of the 1953 season, after his purchase from the Boston Red Sox . . . won 4 and lost 2 for the Giants, showing again the sound equipment that had previously made him a winner in the American League . . . also was outstanding during the Giants' post season trip to the Orient . . . won seven games without losing during the visit to Japan. . . .

A native Californian, Grissom was a Giant briefly during his early career . . . back in 1946 . . . moved out to the Pacific Coast League in 1948, and a big season at Seattle in 1951—twenty won and eleven lost—brought him back to the majors with the White Sox . . . Was a winner for the Pale Hose in 1952, his twelve victories including two over the Yankees . . . Was traded to the Red Sox for 1953, and then the Giants. . . .

Marvin Grissom

Year	Club	G	CG	IP	W	L	H	SO	BB	ER	ERA.
1941	San Bernardino	10	3	52	2	4	72	25	27	27	4.67
	(National Defense List 1942, 43, 44, 45)										
1946	Jersey City	34	5	19	4	10	105	75	81	55	4.16
1946	New York (N)	4	0	19	0	2	17	9	13	9	4.26
1947	Minneapolis	37	7	151	9	16	162	92	89	5	6.26
1948	Sacramento	38	11	190	11	7	92	95	83	85	4.03
1949	Detroit	27	0	39	2	4	56	17	34	28	6.46
1950	Toledo	28	8	156	9	10	157	99	54	60	3.46
1951	Seattle	34	20	252	20	11	193	146	100	85	3.04
1952	Chicago (A)	28	7	166	12	10	156	97	79	69	3.74
1953	Boston (A)	13	1	59	2	6	61	31	30	34	4.73
1953	New York	21	3	84	4	2	83	46	31	37	3.96



Jim Hearn

Year	Club	G	CG	IP	W	L	H	SO	BB	ER	ERA.
1942	Columbus, Ga.	27	7	203	11	12	188	119	77	74	3.24
	On National Defense List, 1943, 1944, 1945										
1946	Columbus, O.	24	3	98	4	5	103	48	46	45	4.13
1947	St. Louis	37	4	162	12	7	151	57	63	58	3.22
1948	St. Louis	34	3	90	8	6	92	27	35	42	4.20
1949	St. Louis	17	0	42	1	3	48	18	23	24	5.14
1949	Rochester	13	7	89	8	3	92	44	36	42	4.25
1950	New York-St. Louis	22	11	134	11	4	84	58	44	37	2.49
1951	New York	34	11	211	17	9	204	66	82	85	3.63
1952	New York	37	11	224	14	7	208	89	97	94	3.78
1953	New York	36	6	197	9	12	206	77	84	99	4.52

Pointing for a "comeback" in 1954 is the handsome Atlantan, Jim Hearn . . . fell below the .500 mark for the first time in 1953 . . . but overall his record is written in black ink, not red . . . in three and a half seasons at the Polo Grounds he has won 51 games, while losing only thirty two . . . his career has been marked by outstanding performances . . . pitched five shutouts in 1950 to lead the league in the Earned Run averages and in 1951 he won one of the pennant playoff games for the Giants, a 3 to 1 score at Ebbets Field. . . .

Now 31 years old, Hearn got his start in the St. Louis Cardinal organization, and was with that club for three seasons . . . His powerful equipment impressed Durocher, and the Giants snapped him as a waiver price claim in 1950, even though he was a non-winner at the time . . . as noted above this deal has been highly rewarding . . . Hearn is married and the father of a young son.

"The best .266 hitter in the National League" is Leo Durocher's appraisal of St. Louis born Bob Hofman . . . Polo Grounds' fans are inclined to agree . . . they've seen Bobby do his stuff in the pinches so often they won't even argue the matter . . . did yeoman work as a Giants' pinch hitter last year, and helped out importantly in infield utility roles . . . Whacked twelve homers during the 1953 campaign, and drove in 34 runs with 45 hits. . . .

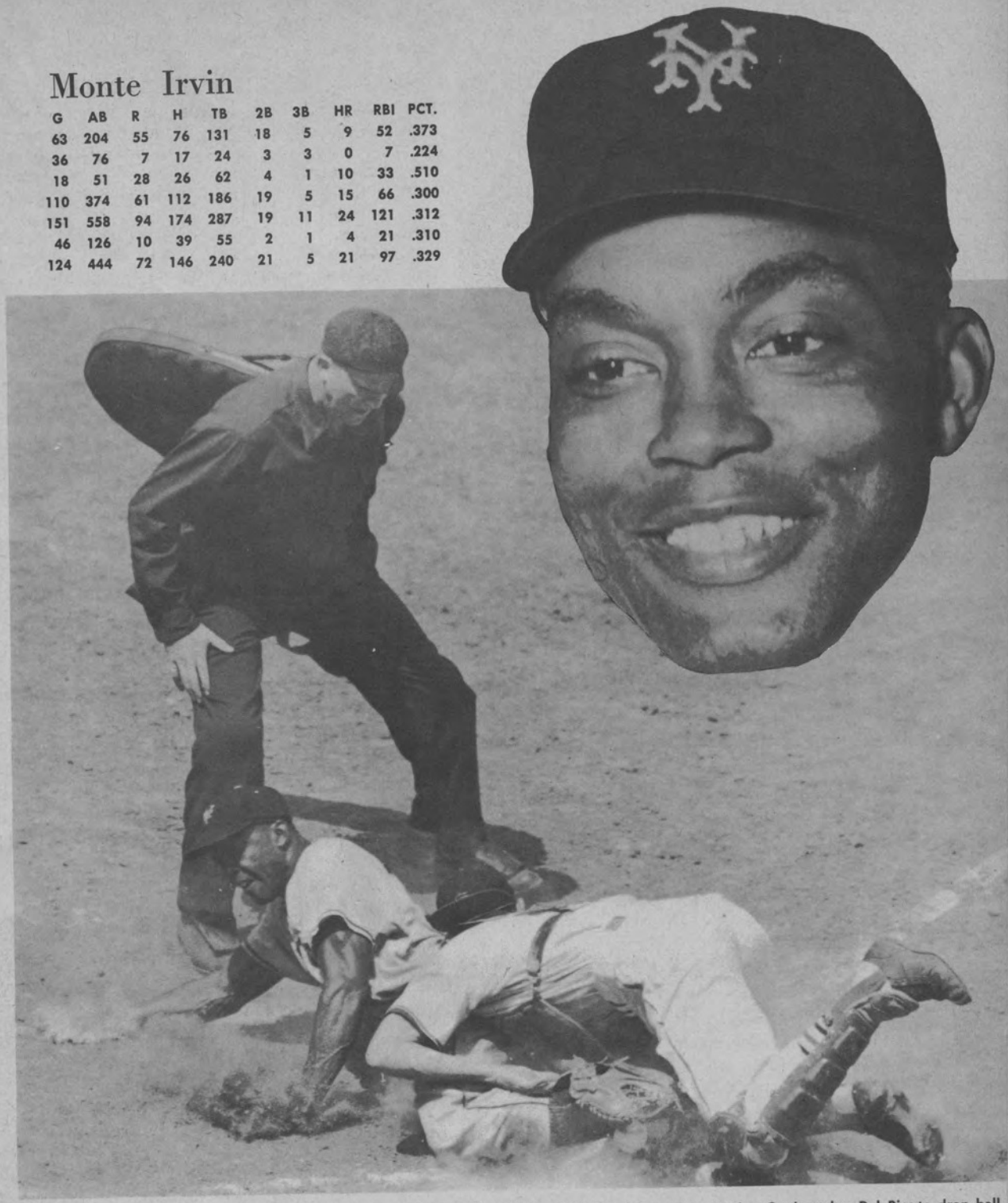
A graduate of St. Louis' famed "Munie League" Hofman is a farm system product . . . started at Springfield, O. in 1944 and then took time out for war time service in the Navy . . . moved steadily through the farm system, to arrive at the Polo Grounds to stay in 1952. . . .

Bob Hofman

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PCT.
1944	Springfield	18	65	10	20	24	4	0	0	10	.308
	On National Defense List, 1945										
1946	Trenton	59	209	20	54	69	11	2	0	27	.258
1947	Trenton	130	514	92	141	212	30	13	5	59	.274
1948	Sioux City	120	501	104	160	238	38	5	10	72	.319
1949	New York	16	48	4	10	10	0	0	0	3	.208
1949	Minneapolis	92	395	66	111	161	15	4	9	38	.281
1950	Oakland	166	558	79	65	258	30	9	15	83	.296
1951	Ottawa	72	263	36	72	93	13	1	2	29	.274
1951	Minneapolis	67	241	40	70	115	11	2	10	45	.290
1952	New York	32	63	11	18	30	2	2	2	4	.286
1953	New York	74	169	21	45	92	7	2	12	34	.266

Monte Irvin

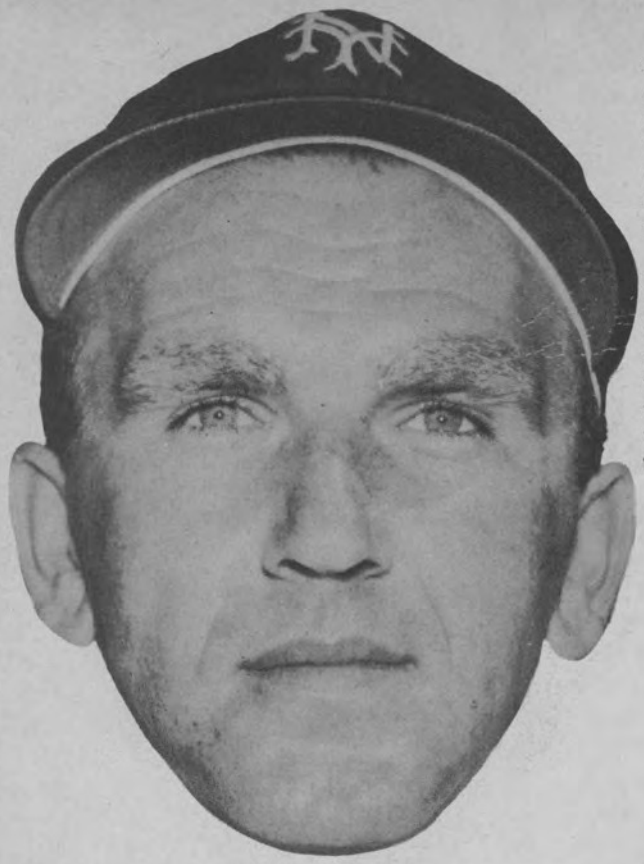
Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PCT.
1949	Jersey City	63	204	55	76	131	18	5	9	52	.373
1949	New York	36	76	7	17	24	3	3	0	7	.224
1950	Jersey City	18	51	28	26	62	4	1	10	33	.510
1950	New York	110	374	61	112	186	19	5	15	66	.300
1951	New York	151	558	94	174	287	19	11	24	121	.312
1952	New York	46	126	10	39	55	2	1	4	21	.310
1953	New York	124	444	72	146	240	21	5	21	97	.329



MONTE IRVIN, key slugger in Giant flag drive, goes all out as he slides safely into home plate causing Card catcher Del Rice to drop ball.

One of the real keys to Giant fortunes . . . already it can be said, without stretching the truth too far, that he has decided two pennant races at the Polo Grounds . . . The one he helped to win with his explosive bat in 1951, and the flag the Giants missed in 1952 because he wasn't able to play for most of the year . . . that year he was victimized by a tragic accident . . . the broken leg he suffered during a spring exhibition game, and which kept him out of the lineup until September.

What his absence meant was demonstrated last year, when he hit .329 and knocked in 97 runs in 124 games . . . Throughout his Polo Grounds' career he has been one of the National League's most devastating hitters . . . His lifetime average is .309, and he has been an annual 100 run producer . . . Top performance was his world series effort in 1951, when he splurged with eleven hits in six games . . . A college man . . . makes his home, with his wife and two children, in Orange, N. J.



Dave Koslo

Year	Club	G	CG	IP	W	L	H	SO	BB	ER	ERA.
1939	Hopkinsville	31	18	205	11	14	218	194	110	131	3.99
1940	Paducah	30	20	229	17	9	202	246	75	109	3.02
1941	Milwaukee	35	15	203	13	13	211	96	83	100	4.43
1941	New York	4	2	24	1	2	17	12	10	5	1.88
1942	New York	19	3	78	3	6	79	42	32	44	5.08
1942	Jersey City	12	2	60	3	2	53	48	38	20	3.00
	On National Defense List, 1943, 1944, 1945										
1946	New York	40	17	265	14	19	251	121	101	107	3.63
1947	New York	39	10	217	15	10	223	86	82	106	4.40
1948	New York	35	5	149	8	10	166	58	59	64	3.87
1949	New York	38	15	212	11	14	193	65	43	59	2.50
1950	New York	40	7	187	13	15	190	56	68	81	3.90
1951	New York	39	5	150	10	9	153	54	45	55	3.30
1952	New York	41	8	166	10	7	154	67	47	59	3.20
1953	New York	37	2	112	6	12	135	36	36	59	4.74

Among Dave Koslo's pitching distinctions is a consistent ability to beat Stan Musial and Co., meaning the St. Louis Cardinals . . . during Dave's career at the Polo Grounds he has toppled the Red Birds no fewer than 24 times, more often than any other pitcher in the league . . . Musial has said publicly that Koslo is the toughest pitcher in the league for him to hit . . . Dave's stylish delivery and beautifully controlled curve ball may be one of the explanations . . .

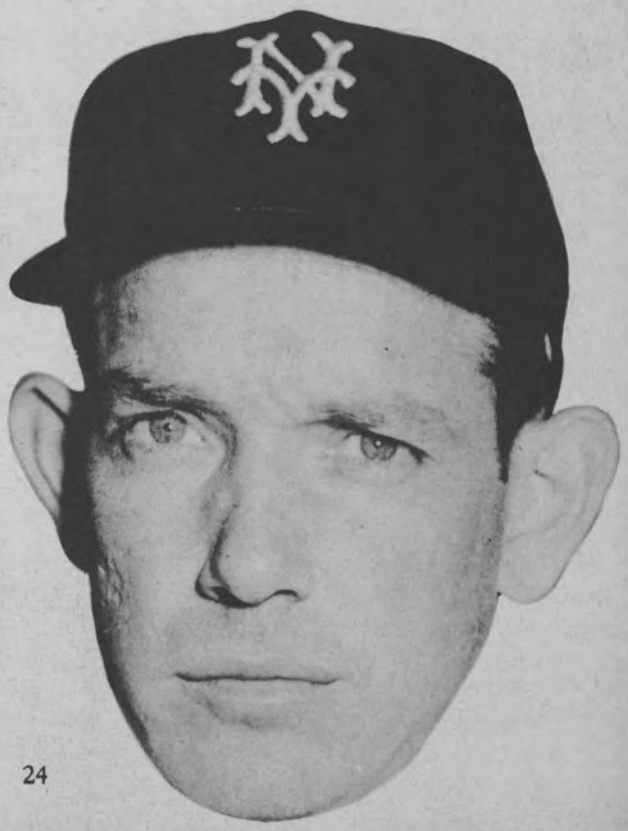
He is the oldest Giant in the point of service . . . joined the club back in 1941, and has been with the team ever since, except for time out for service in the Navy during the war . . . high spot of his career was the 2.50 Earned Run average he compiled in 1949 . . . that won the Earned Run pitching title that year . . . Between seasons, Dave and his family make their home at Menasha, Wis.

The left handed Don Liddle was one of the two southpaws obtained by the Giants from Milwaukee last winter . . . As a National League freshman he compiled a noteworthy record . . . Used most often in relief, he won 7 and lost 6, but his Earned Run figure was one of the league's best 3.07. . . .

A product of the Boston-Milwaukee farm system . . . Twenty seven years old, he has been pitching since 1946 when he broke in at Auburn, N. Y. . . . noteworthy feature of his minor league record is the year to year improvement . . . at Hartford and at Atlanta his second year record was immeasurably better than the first . . . the same pattern in the National would surely establish him as a top ranker at the Polo Grounds . . . he is a "variety" type pitcher, featuring a well controlled curve. . . .

Don Liddle

Year	Club	G	CG	IP	W	L	H	SO	BB	ER	ERA.
1946	Auburn	10	4	49	6	3	48	52	62	36	6.61
1947	Mt. Vernon	19	11	131	9	7	76	190	57	28	1.92
1948	Pawtucket	36	3	110	5	6	111	84	85	45	3.68
1949	Pawtucket	16	10	105	11	2	84	102	49	21	1.80
1949	Hartford	19	9	117	8	5	109	76	69	45	3.46
1950	Atlanta	27	10	135	8	8	141	84	78	71	4.84
1951	Milwaukee	4	0	6	0	1	10	4	4	6	9.00
1951	Atlanta	36	9	191	14	6	164	132	89	62	2.92
1952	Milwaukee	34	12	197	17	4	179	159	68	59	2.70
1953	Milwaukee	31	4	129	7	6	119	63	55	44	3.07



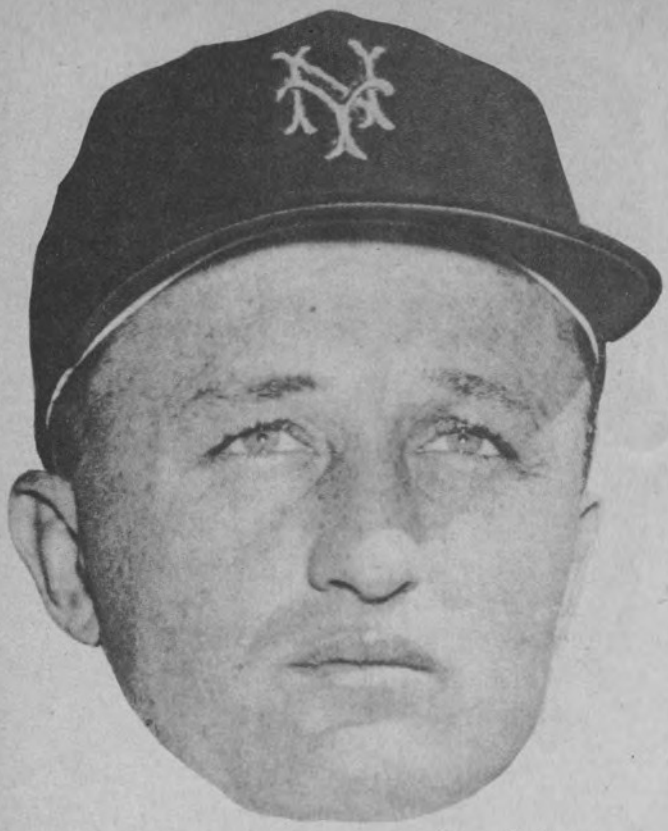
Whitey Lockman

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PCT.
1943	Springfield	40	151	17	49	59	4	3	0	33	.325
1943	Jersey City	78	271	35	72	89	9	4	0	18	.266
1944	Jersey City	141	476	81	125	167	18	6	4	56	.263
1945	Jersey City	48	126	31	40	71	9	5	4	28	.317
1945	New York	32	129	16	44	62	9	0	3	18	.341
	On National Defense List in 1946										
1947	New York	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	.500
1948	New York	146	584	117	167	265	24	10	18	59	.286
1949	New York	151	618	97	186	265	31	7	11	63	.301
1950	New York	129	532	72	157	213	28	5	6	52	.295
1951	New York	153	614	85	173	250	27	7	12	73	.282
1952	New York	154	606	99	176	240	17	4	13	58	.290
1953	New York	156	607	85	179	236	22	4	9	61	.295

A platinum blond, and quite the Polo Grounds' fair haired boy that implies . . . a highly popular Giant since 1945, when he took over as an outfield regular as a beardless eighteen year old "prodigy" . . . A gifted outfielder during his early career with the club, he achieved even greater distinction as the club's first baseman . . . a switch that wasn't less than an inspiration, for it contributed mightily toward the Giants' pennant victory in 1951. . . .

Career was interrupted twice . . . once for a year in the Army, and again, in 1947, when he was the victim of a tragic spring training accident . . . a multiple leg fracture that kept him out of action for the entire season . . . it was a surgical miracle, at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, that made possible his return to baseball . . . Hit .295 last year, further evidence of his consistency and reliability . . . his lifetime mark is .293.

WHITEY LOCKMAN, the fair-haired boy of Polo Grounds fans, handles first base with skill and verve. Here he slaps tag on Richie Ashburn as Philly dives back into initial sack during game last season.



John William McCall

Year	Club	G	CG	IP	W	L	H	SO	BB	ER	ERA.
1943	Olean	Voluntarily Retired (National Defense List 1944, 45)									
1947	Roanoke	30	18	219	17	9	206	198	93	92	3.78
1948	Boston (A)	1	0	1	0	1	6	0	1	3	27.00
1948	Louisville	31	14	183	9	12	182	149	99	95	4.67
1949	Boston (A)	5	0	9	0	0	13	8	10	12	12.00
1949	Seattle	10	2	50	0	5	56	35	20	28	5.04
1949	Louisville	8	1	46	5	2	39	15	42	26	5.09
1950	Pittsburgh	2	0	7	0	0	12	5	4	7	9.00
1950	Indianapolis	20	6	104	7	7	111	82	60	61	5.28
1951	Indianapolis	28	10	171	10	9	173	111	92	86	4.53
1952	Indianapolis	7	0	28	2	3	34	9	22	19	6.12
1952	Birmingham	29	5	149	10	8	176	87	71	81	4.89
1953	San Francisco	36	9	151	12	7	145	91	55	51	3.05

Tall John McCall is another of the left handers expected to balance and strengthen the Polo Grounds' staff in 1954 . . . at twenty eight a seasoned veteran . . . originally a Boston Red Sox farm development, who had a trial with the Crimson Hose in 1948, and another briefly with Pittsburgh in 1950 . . . At that period of his career control problems impaired the natural effectiveness of his powerful equipment. . . .

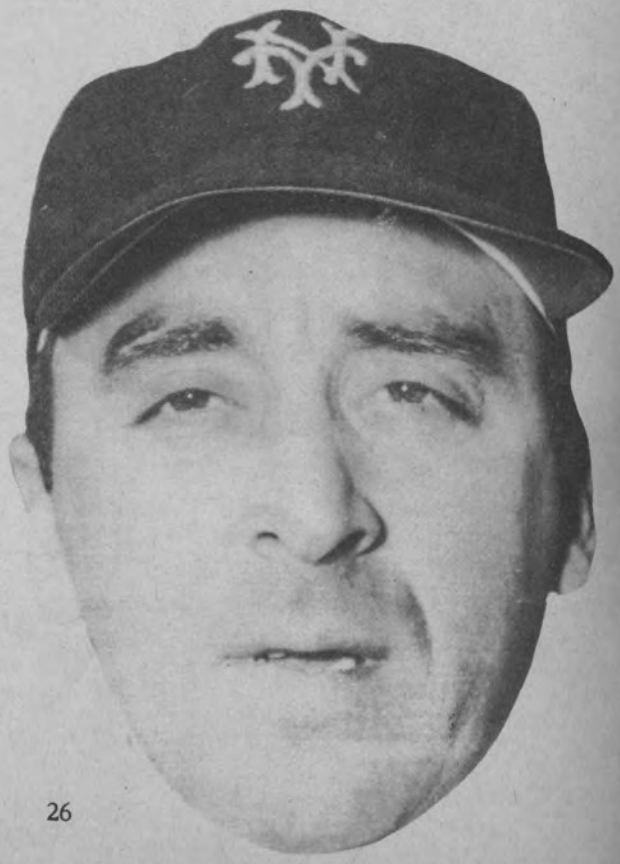
The Giants purchased his contract from San Francisco, last fall, after a highly successful season in the Coast League . . . suffered a broken hand in mid-season (hit-by-batted-ball) that sidelined him for many weeks, but he finished strongly to compile a 12 won and 7 lost record . . . Frank O'Doul and Tommy Heath are Coast Leaguers who supported Scout "Dutch" Ruether's opinion that McCall is ready to make the big league grade . . . Greatly improved control points up these recommendations.

Giant and Dodger fans have little in common . . . and less on which they can agree . . . but Sal Maglie brings them into accord . . . on both sides of the river they nominate him as the finest National League pitcher of the post-war era . . . It's a vote made mandatory by the record book . . . Since 1950 Sal's record is just about tops for the whole league—72 won and 32 lost—and over the same period of time he has thumped the Dodgers more often than any other pitcher . . . no fewer than eighteen times in four seasons . . . he's made a career out of giving the Dodgers a hard time. . . .

Sal's career has produced many record book items . . . In 1950 he won eleven in a row, and twice since then he has ripped off nine before missing . . . Most memorable items are his four successive shutouts in 1945, and the scoreless string, 45 innings in all, just fell short of Carl Hubbell's National League mark . . . King Carl ran his string to 46 1/3.

Sal Maglie

Year	Club	G	CG	IP	W	L	H	SO	BB	ER	ERA.
1938	Buffalo	5	1	12	0	1	12	4	8	5	3.75
1939	Buffalo	39	0	101	3	7	102	62	42	56	4.99
1940	Buffalo	23	1	54	0	7	80	22	24	43	7.17
1940	Jamestown	7	6	56	3	4	54	41	15	17	2.73
1941	Elmira	43	22	270	20	15	231	148	107	80	2.67
1942	Jersey City	50	4	165	9	6	142	92	74	51	2.78
1945	Jersey City	14	7	88	3	7	91	41	33	40	4.09
1945	New York	13	7	84	5	4	72	32	22	22	2.36
1950	New York	47	12	206	18	4	169	96	86	62	2.71
1951	New York	42	22	298	23	6	254	146	86	97	2.93
1952	New York	35	12	216	18	8	199	112	75	70	2.91
1953	New York	27	9	145	8	9	158	80	47	67	4.16



Willie Mays

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PCT.
1950	Trenton	81	306	50	108	156	20	8	4	55	.353
1951	Minneapolis	35	149	38	71	119	18	3	8	30	.477
1951	New York	121	464	59	127	219	22	5	20	68	.274
1952	New York	34	127	17	30	52	2	4	4	23	.236

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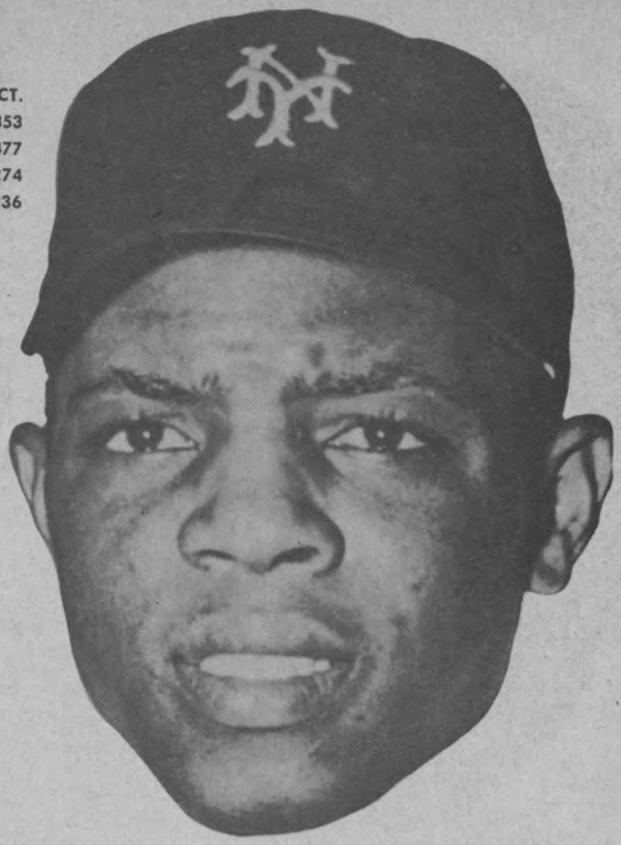


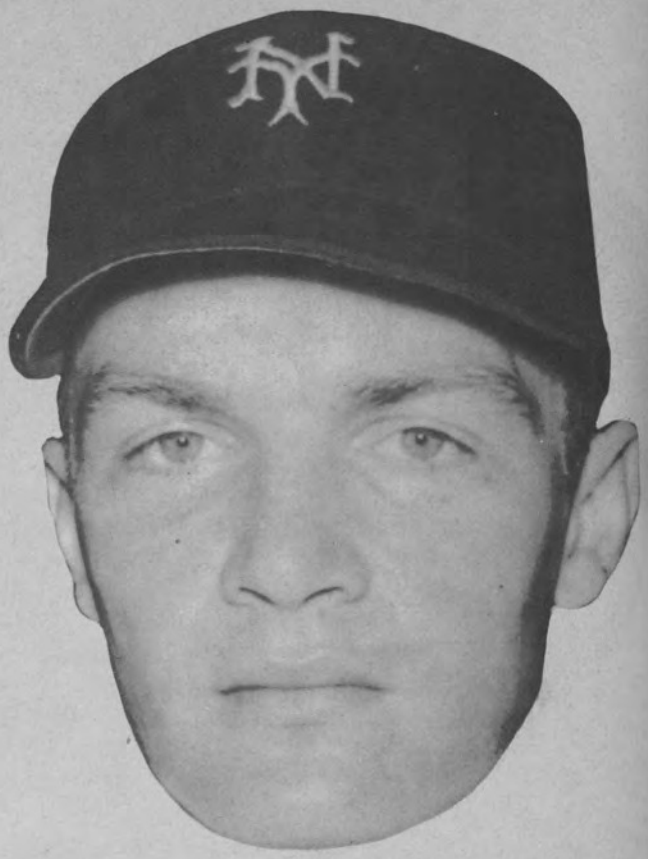
1951's "Rookie of the Year", and truly the wonder boy of that glorious campaign at the Polo Grounds, Willie Mays is back from two years of Army service . . . Giant fans have been counting those two years, day by day, and they are confident the 1954 campaign will acclaim him as one of baseball's greatest players. . . .

Willie flashed across the major league horizon like a comet, throwing off sparks from the moment of his appearance. . . . His first big league hit was a home run, and his dash, verve and outfielding skills established him as a great popular favorite before he'd been with the team for a month. Through the year he regularly made plays in the outfield that topped anything the oldest Polo Grounds' fans could remember . . . They'll be looking for more of the same, as Willie, older, bigger, stronger, swings back into action in 1954.

WILLIE MAYS hits home plate in all-out manner that shows why he is rated a top inspirational force at Polo Grounds. Willie is back from Army service.

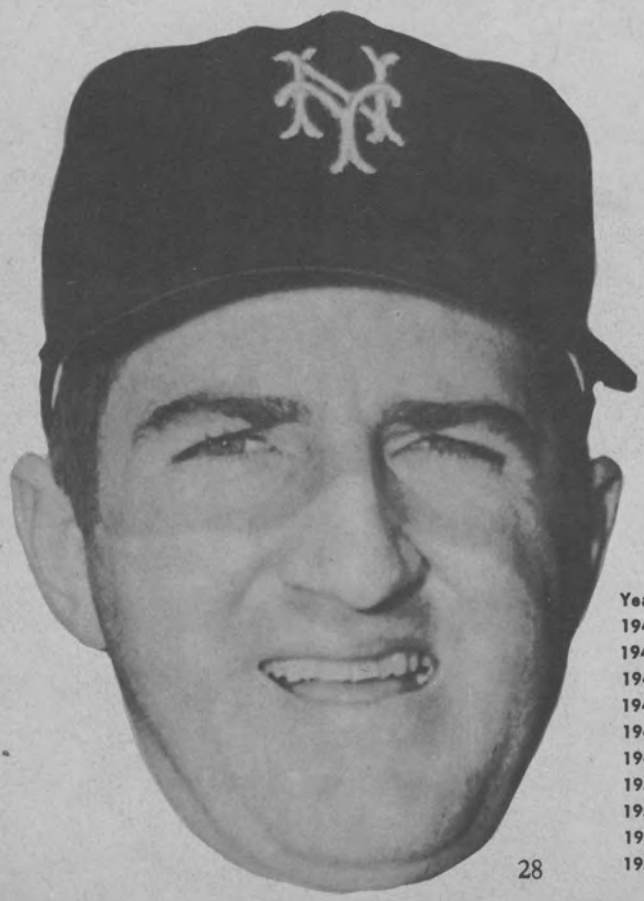
George Spencer

Year	Club	G	CG	IP	W	L	H	SO	BB	ER	ERA.
1949	Jacksonville	30	11	170	12	12	172	80	84	68	3.60
1950	Jersey City	23	9	129	11	5	131	37	59	67	4.76
1950	New York	10	1	25	1	0	12	5	7	7	2.52
1951	New York	57	2	132	10	4	125	36	56	55	3.75
1952	New York	35	0	60	3	5	57	27	21	37	5.55
1953	Minneapolis	50	0	119	7	8	154	37	35	57	4.31



Back at the Polo Grounds in quest of a new career, to equal or surpass his earlier bid for attention there in 1951 and 1952. It will be recalled that he was one of the big contributors toward the National League pennant triumph in 1951, as the pitching staff's relief specialist. That year he won 10 games in relief and saved more than a dozen others.

Somewhere along the line he lost command of the "sinker" ball pitch that achieved this outstanding success, and he had to make a fresh start at Minneapolis last year. There work and determination brought him back to top form, and assured him another chance at the Polo Grounds. A graduate of Ohio State, Spencer was a varsity man in football (a pass throwing quarterback) as well as baseball.

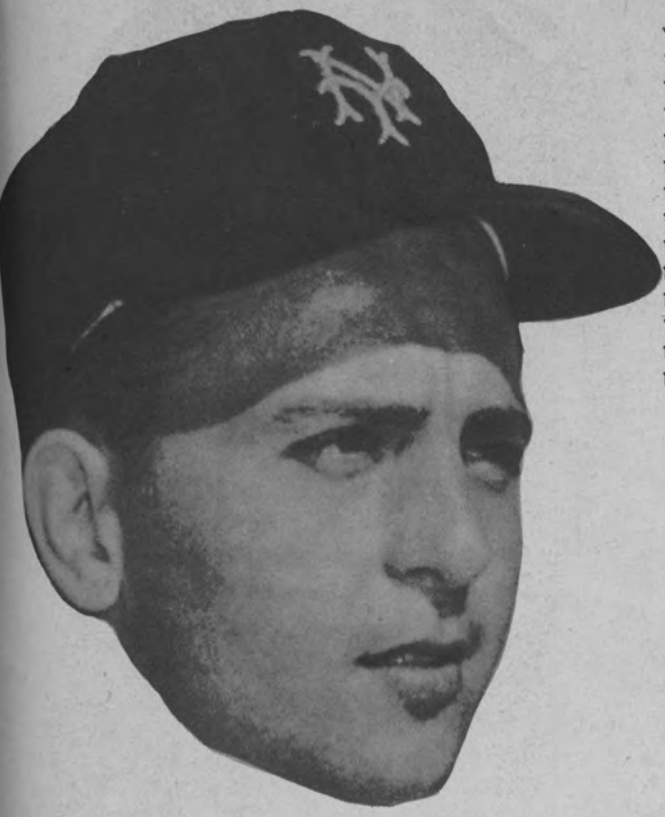


The promises of Don Mueller's early career in the Giants' organization were fulfilled last season when he compiled a .333 batting average and was a season long contender for the league's batting crown . . . Batting stylists proclaim him as a hitter without a flaw, perfect in form and swing . . . Fell off slightly in home run production last year but compensated for it with extra hits, collecting 160 hits in all. . . .

Mueller is another of Carl Hubbell's farm system developments. . . . Signed first to a Jersey City contract in 1946, with only a St. Louis sandlot background . . . Got his real start at Jacksonville in 1947, and needed only a year more to obtain an introduction at the Polo Grounds . . . Has been a regular since 1950 . . . Comes from a baseball family . . . his dad played with Pittsburgh a generation ago.

Don Mueller

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PCT.
1946	Jersey City	28	78	12	28	38	7	0	1	10	.359
1947	Jacksonville	122	469	81	163	227	34	9	4	85	.348
1948	New York	36	81	12	29	38	4	1	1	9	.358
1948	Jersey City	99	400	67	131	186	17	4	10	52	.328
1949	Minneapolis	28	119	21	37	54	7	2	2	72	.311
1949	New York	51	56	5	13	17	4	0	0	5	.232
1950	New York	132	525	60	153	201	15	6	7	84	.291
1951	New York	122	469	58	130	202	10	7	16	69	.275
1952	New York	126	456	61	128	192	14	7	12	49	.281
1953	New York	131	480	56	160	194	12	2	6	60	.333



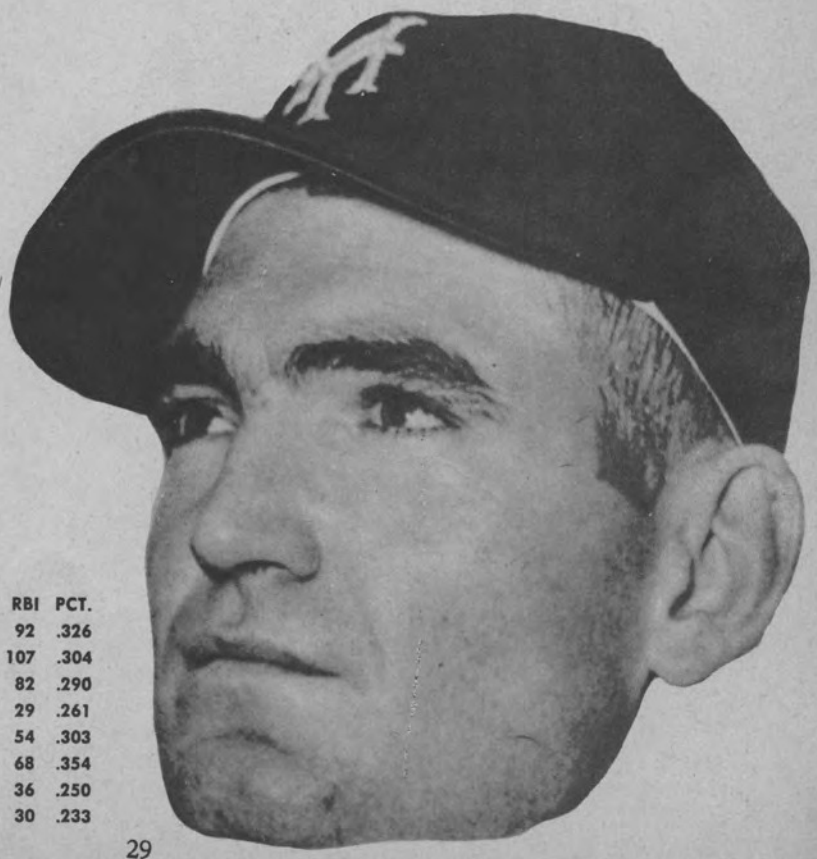
Mario Picone

Year	Club	G	CG	IP	W	L	H	SO	BB	ER	ERA.
1944	Bristol	27	14	173	11	10	130	171	98	48	2.50
1945	Richmond	33	18	219	19	6	201	202	152	87	3.61
1946	Jacksonville	22	14	159	14	5	128	129	83	43	2.43
1947	Jersey City	28	2	101	2	8	94	41	67	47	4.19
1947	New York	2	0	7	0	0	10	1	2	6	7.71
1948	Minneapolis	43	9	202	11	9	216	104	150	133	5.93
1949	Minneapolis	14	2	53	3	2	72	21	43	44	7.47
149	Trenton	17	13	123	8	5	106	106	78	38	2.59
1951	Sioux City	33	13	220	15	5	209	148	152	116	4.75
1952	Sioux City	26	18	199	15	7	135	166	102	62	2.80
1952	Minneapolis	9	7	73	6	1	60	40	25	27	3.33
1952	New York	2	0	9	0	1	11	3	5	7	7.00
1953	Minneapolis	37	13	209	14	8	210	129	95	110	4.74

A home grown product . . . out of Brooklyn . . . tall, slender, stylish and always a minor league winner . . . Only 27, yet has been pitching for ten seasons . . . started with Briston, back in 1944 as a high school prodigy . . . moved up fast, then dropped back as control posed problems . . . decided to retire in 1950, and the year's rest permitted him to make a fresh start . . . has been a big winner since. Grabbed fifteen in his "comeback" effort at Sioux City, twenty one between Sioux City and Minneapolis in 1952, and last year for the Millers he compiled a 14 and 8 record.

A left handed thumper, who swings a very heavy bat . . . Broke in at the Polo Grounds in July of 1952 amid a flurry of home runs . . . Hit six in a week soon after his arrival and finished with ten for half a season . . . Didn't get the chance to play so often last year, but managed nonetheless to hit eleven more out of bounds . . . Impressed greatly, too, during the Giants' post-season trip to the Orient, when he was the club's sturdiest hitter. . . .

Rhodes' bat has been his recommendation ever since he broke in with Hopkinsville, Ky. in 1947 . . . in the minors he was a consistent .300 hitter . . . Upped the mark to .354 at Nashville in 1952, a performance which led to his quick promotion to the Polo Grounds . . . A native Alabaman, Rhodes lives now in Montgomery. . . .

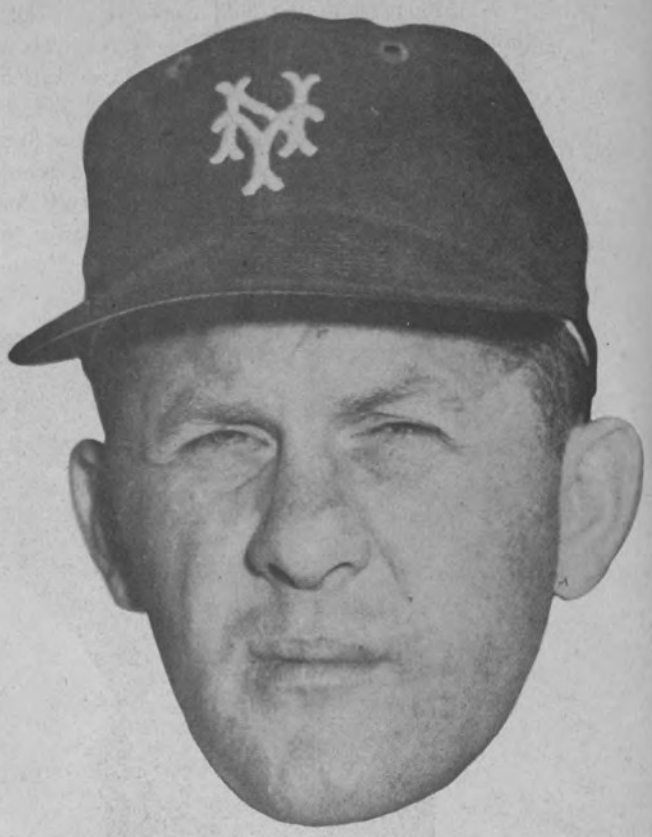


Jim Rhodes

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PCT.
1947	Hopkinsville	125	494	112	161	234	19	9	12	92	.326
1948	Springfield (WA)	131	500	84	152	232	21	10	13	107	.304
1949	Springfield (NE)	119	451	81	131	209	20	9	10	82	.290
1950	Des Moines	45	161	24	42	55	11	3	2	29	.261
1950	Rock Hill	78	297	56	90	163	13	9	14	54	.303
1952	Nashville	89	345	72	121	212	29	4	18	68	.354
1952	New York	67	176	34	44	84	8	1	10	36	.250
1953	New York	76	163	18	38	78	7	0	11	30	.233

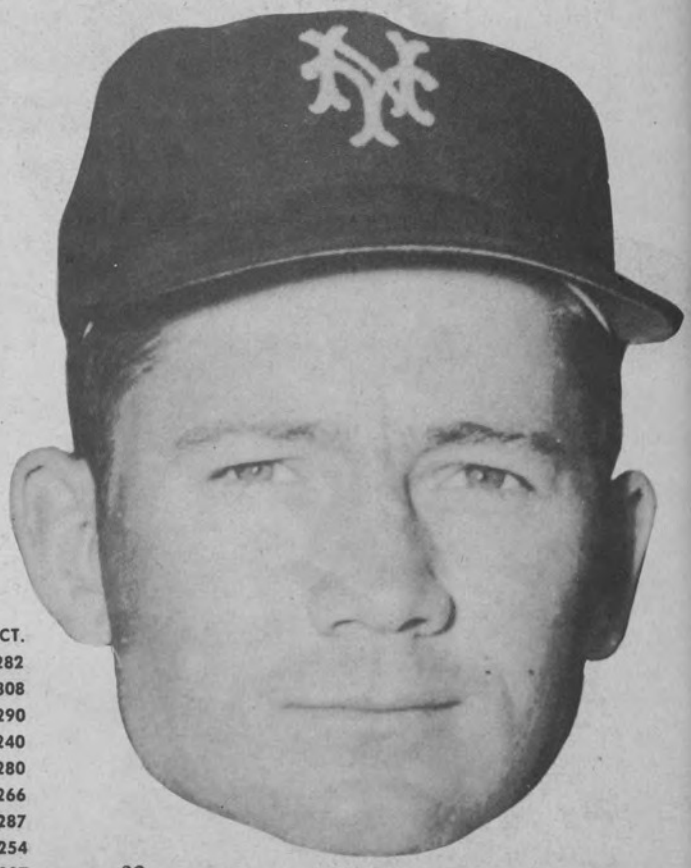
Ebba St. Claire

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PCT.
1945	Hornell	78	297	54	103	152	25	6	4	57	.347
1946	Albany	102	311	47	98	137	24	4	1	33	.315
1947				Voluntarily Retired							
1948	New Orleans	114	360	40	99	140	23	2	7	61	.275
1949				Voluntarily Retired							
1950	Atlanta	145	536	77	150	252	27	9	19	107	.280
1951	Boston	72	220	22	62	86	17	2	1	25	.282
1952	Boston	39	108	5	23	31	2	0	2	4	.213
1953	Milwaukee	33	80	7	16	25	3	0	2	5	.200



The long-ball hitting catcher obtained from the Milwaukee Braves last winter . . . also noted for his exceptional throwing arm . . . a veteran, having played since 1945 when he broke in at Hornell, N. Y. after a college career at Colgate. . . .

Enjoyed his best year at Atlanta, in 1950 when he sponsored 19 home runs and knocked home 107 tallies . . . Didn't receive full opportunity to exploit his talents at Boston since Walker Cooper was the established first string catcher, and last year, at Milwaukee the brilliant Del Crandall, back from the Army, moved into the front rank . . . Has always hit well at the Polo Grounds, and figures to be a home run threat there . . . Is a switch hitter . . . Makes his home in upstate Whitehall, N. Y.



The Dallas dandy . . . a Polo Grounds' sparkler since he first moved into the Giants' lineup in 1951 . . . succeeded Eddie Stanky as the regular second sacker in 1952 . . . moved on to his best season in 1953, when he compiled a .297 batting average . . . to support his consistently brilliant fielding with an emphatic bat. . . .

Williams' success at the Polo Grounds was forecast by his play in the minors . . . he was a $65,000 prize when the Giants purchased him from Atlanta after the 1948 season . . . outbidding several other major league clubs . . . two good years at Minneapolis then readied him for the big chance at the Polo Grounds.

Dave Williams

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PCT.
1947	Waycross	132	464	147	131	209	34	10	8	75	.282
1948	Pensacola	132	535	119	165	251	30	10	12	62	.308
1949	Atlanta	138	513	92	149	190	21	7	2	62	.290
1949	New York	13	50	7	12	18	1	1	1	5	.240
1950	Minneapolis	138	536	113	150	241	28	6	17	65	.280
1951	New York	30	64	17	17	24	1	0	2	8	.266
1951	Minneapolis	80	293	61	84	139	9	5	12	49	.287
1952	New York	138	540	70	137	208	26	3	13	55	.254
1953	New York	112	340	51	101	125	11	2	3	34	.297

A throwback to the "old days" at the Polo Grounds, when catching excellence was always a Giant distinction . . . one of the games most gifted receivers since establishing himself as a Giants' regular in 1949 . . . and his work has won him what appears to be a permanent place in the record book . . . In 1950 he set an all-time record for catchers when he committed only ONE error in 139 games . . . the average was .999, and only absolute perfection can ever beat it. . . .

Westrum has been a Polo Grounds' workhorse, despite crippling hand injuries throughout his career . . . Broken and bruised fingers have handicapped him as a hitter, though he has been able to explode home run power consistently . . . Has sponsored 69 homers over the last four seasons . . . Wes was in the service for three years during the war . . . a native Minnesotan, he now makes his home at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

WES WESTRUM presents autographed baseballs to trio of young fans from Boys Athletic League for use as trophies at league's camps for Met. lads.

Wes Westrum

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PCT.
1941	Eau Claire	98	349	69	115	176	32	4	7	70	.330
1942	Little Rock	45	104	14	21	27	4	1	0	6	.202
	On National Defense List, 1943, 1944, 1945										
1946	Jacksonville	103	327	57	90	134	14	3	8	56	.275
1947	Minneapolis	134	398	85	117	213	24	3	22	87	.294
1947	New York	6	12	1	5	6	1	0	0	2	.417
1948	New York	40	125	14	20	37	3	1	4	16	.160
1949	Jersey City	51	169	38	52	111	10	2	15	59	.308
1949	New York	68	169	23	41	68	4	1	7	28	.243
1950	New York	140	437	68	103	191	13	3	23	71	.236
1951	New York	124	361	59	79	151	12	0	20	70	.220
1952	New York	114	322	47	71	124	11	0	14	43	.221
1953	New York	107	290	40	65	106	5	0	12	30	.224

PAGODA housing famed Heian Shrine was among exotic places visited by Giants under guidance of hospitable Japanese.

The Giants Tour the Orient

The New York Giants were cast in new and unusual roles during the past off-season. They served as good will ambassadors on a tour of the Orient, and the success of the junket in every detail left no doubt they were ideal selections to represent American baseball in Japan, in the Pacific islands, and among the troops in Korea. Commissioner Ford C. Frick and president Horace Stoneham accompanied the team on the tour to emphasize the official character of the mission.

The tour and the play on the field pointed up the rapid international development of the game. Play, in Japan particularly, was on a very high level. The Giants won 12, lost one, and tied another in Japan, but most of the games developed close score competition. The Japanese players (they have been playing baseball professionally since the war) are particularly gifted defensive players, and the pitching is strong.

Tokyo was the central base of operations, but during their stay in Japan, the Giants played in all parts of the empire. Especially interesting were the games in the northern provinces, only a few miles from Russian territory, and another highlight, of course, was the game in Hiroshima, the atom bomb city now almost completely rebuilt.

Everywhere they visited they were enthusiastically welcomed, feted, and entertained. Baseball, of course, remained the paramount interest, and of the Japanese people, too. They are avid fans, and more than 400,000 of them witnessed the fourteen games on the island. During the three weeks' stay, Manager Durocher and the players took time out to fly to Korea for a three-day visit with the troops, and witn the men in the Army hospitals. Army planes transported the players on this Korean trip, as part of the U. S. O. program.

During the trip the team flew some 25,000 airplane miles. Departure was from San Francisco via Pan American on October 10. Hawaii was the first stop and games were played in Honolulu and on the island of Maui. On the return from Japan the Giants played an Army team in Guam, and then two games in Manila. They returned to San Francisco on November 24.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER accepts suit of armor worn by Samurai (ancient Japanese warriors) from Giant president Horace Stoneham (right) and baseball commissioner Ford Frick (center) who made presentation on behalf of Matsutaro Shuriki, the father of professional baseball in Japan.

CAPACITY throng jams Korakuen Stadium to see mighty Giants clash on diamond with local heroes.

SCOREBOARD, Japanese style, underlines strongly the world-wide appeal of baseball as it tells fans salient facts during game even as ours does at Polo Grounds. Note also empty section of stands to insure batter proper background.

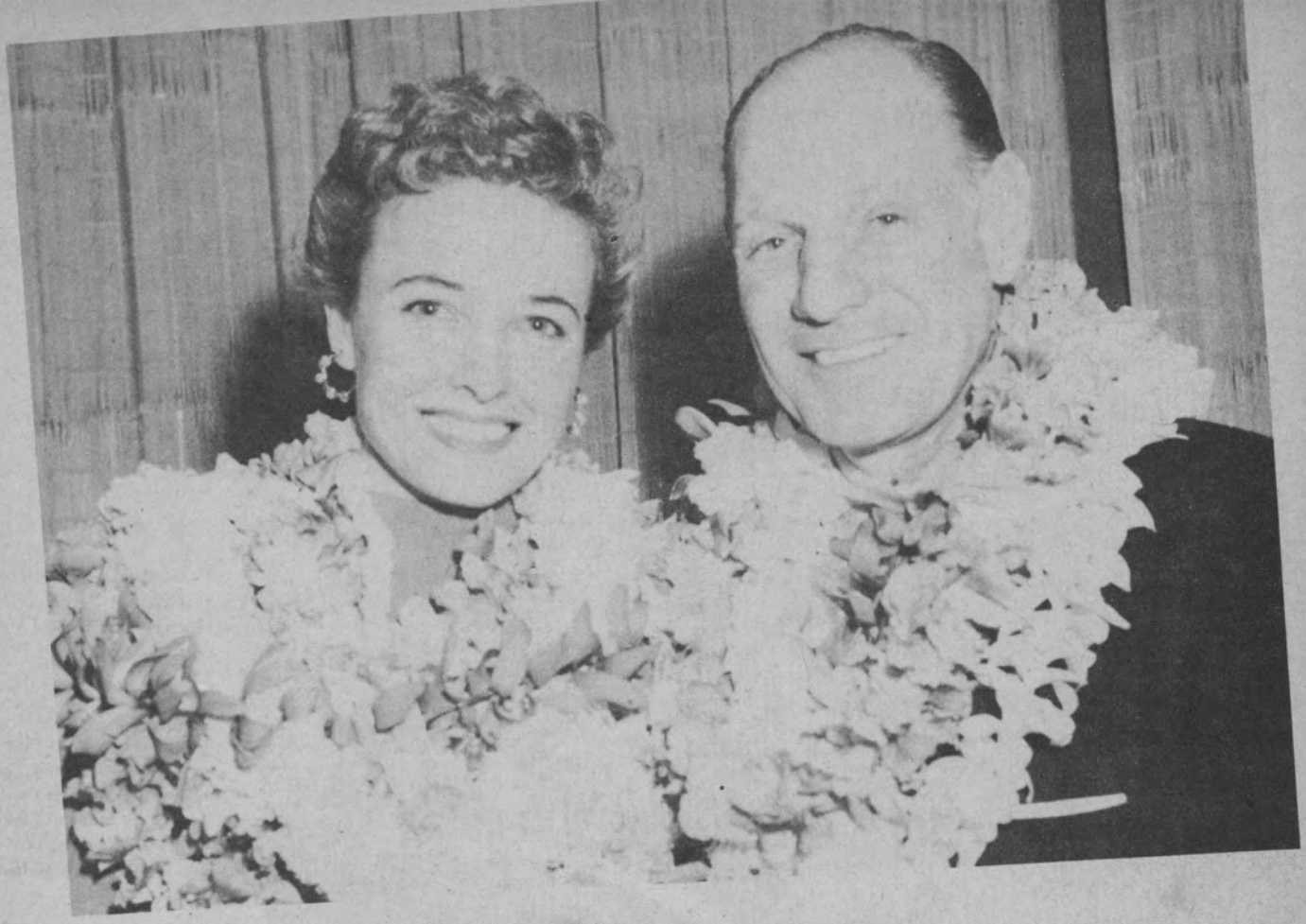
GUESTS OF HONOR at Japanese dinner are: Giant prexy Horace Stoneham, baseball commissioner Ford Frick and Mrs. Frick and manager Leo Durocher and his wife Laraine Day.

GALA WELCOME was tendered touring New Yorkers on stopover in Hawaii.

Happy Interlude for Giants and GIs in Korea

DON MUELLER (light suit) Polo Grounds outfielder, talks shop with group of soldiers during informal visit to Taegu service club.

FUN was had by all as Giants answered questions of GI fans at Taegu, Korea, Military Post service club. Left to right: Bill Goodrich, Giant publicity; Larry Goetz, N.L. umpire; Don Mueller, Monte Irvin and Bob Hofman.



LEO AND LARAINE DUROCHER wear the floral leis that are Hawaii's traditional greeting to honored visitors to the Islands.

AMBASSADORS of Good Will from American baseball are given warm reception at American Embassy in Tokyo.

BILL TERRY hoists 1933 world championship flag on Polo Grounds flag pole at '34 opening day ceremonies as George Gibson, Pirate pilot, looks on.

Cooperstown Immortality For Memphis Bill

By John Drebinger
Baseball Writer, New York Times

With the election of William H. (Bill) Terry to the Hall of Fame, the New York Giants have made another notable contribution to the list of immortals whose names are enshrined at Cooperstown, N.Y. In fact, he is the ninth Giant to gain this signal honor, a record surpassing that of any other club in the major leagues.

The others are Christy Mathewson, John J. McGraw, Roger Bresnahan, William B. (Buck) Ewing, Joe Mcginnity, Frankie Frisch, Carl Hubbell and Melvin Ott. To this list might be added still others, such as Rogers Hornsby, but they appeared only briefly with the club.

Inspiration to Countless Youngsters:

But, as in the case of Matty, the Little Napoleon, King Karl and Marvelous Melvin, it was solely as a Giant that Terry attained fame. He never played for or managed any other club in the majors.

Memphis Bill was more than a great player. He was an inspiration to countless youngsters throughout the nation. He was anything but an accomplished first baseman when he first came to the Giants under McGraw in 1923. Yet by dint of hard work, perserverance and constant practice he developed himself into one of the finest defensive first sackers in the history of the game.

He always was a superb hitter. He won the National League batting crown with a mark of .401 in 1930—remaining to this day the last National Leaguer to gain the magical .400 circle. In his fourteen campaigns as an active player he compiled a lifetime batting average of .341, a mark surpassed by only a few in the history of the game.

Guided Giants to Three Pennants:

Terry succeeded McGraw as manager in mid-season of 1932 and for a span of years was to carry on the brilliant pace of his predecessor. He won the pennant and World Series in 1933, his first full season as skipper; was nosed out in 1934 and 1935, but came storming back to lead the Giants to two more pennant triumphs in 1936 and 1937.

A knee injury brought about his retirement as a player after the 1936 season. An urge to enter the business world induced him to step down as manager after 1941. Today Bill Terry is a successful business man but his diamond achievements under the lee of Coogan's Bluff will never be forgotten.

SLUGGER SUPREME, Memphis Bill, Polo Grounds' latest Hall of Famer, hit .401 for 1930 NL crown and compiled atomic lifetime batting average of .341.

.300 Crop Due to Prosper With Sacrifice Fly Back

By Dan Daniel
Baseball Editor, New York World-Telegram and Sun

The sacrifice fly is back. Standing out among the rules changes instituted for the 1954 season by the committee headed by James Gallagher of the Chicago Cubs, is the one which has revived absolution from a time at bat for scoring a runner with a fly ball.

Let it be emphasized that it must be a fly ball in fair territory. The old regulation made no such distinction.

The old sacrifice fly rule, which for a time governed an advance to any base, was abandoned in 1931. In 1939, it was placed back in the code but, after that single season, was thrown out once more.

Boon to .300 Batting Brigade:

It is conceivable that in calling on the sacrifice fly rule for a new term of service, the Rules Committee was actuated by a desire to see more entries in the .300 coteries of the major leagues. "Figger filberts" volunteer the information that the rule will lift batting averages from three to eight points.

In any event, the revival of the old rule, which first got into the book in 1908, has developed a lot of debate and controversy and that, as we all know, is the life blood of baseball.

The purists insist that a mere fly ball is not an achievement, but a failure. They tell you that every batter makes a conscious effort to hit safely, and unless he does so, should not be rewarded in any way by the rule book.

The utilitarians argue that we have skilled batters who can deliver long flies to order, and that these technicians must be afforded some mark of recognition by the code.

In any event, the sacrifice fly is back, to assist the bunt in lending greater variety and greater versatility to baseball offense.

Optional Penalty Diamond Innovation:

Another change in the rules has brought into baseball a gimmick hitherto monopolized by football, the optional penalty.

Henceforth, the batting side has the right to accept or to decline the call of a balk on the pitcher; of course, with a man on base.

Hitherto, if the hurler balked, the call took precedence, and a hit off the balk was cancelled.

A striking case in point involved the Giants and the Cardinals some years ago. Adrian Zabala was working for the Polo Grounders, with Nippy Jones at the plate. Zabala committed a balk, but Jones lashed at the pitch, nevertheless, and drove it out of the park for a home run. At least, Nippy and his associates figured it to be a homer. But the balk call took precedence, Jones lost his four-bagger, and the Giants won the game, 2 to 1.

Jones' loss of the homer obviously was not in accordance with the traditional sense of justice which permeates baseball. The new rule is a tribute to the Rules Committee.

DAN DANIEL watches diamond action from Polo Grounds press box.

Laminated Bat Given Okay:

The 1954 code also legalizes the laminated bat. But it does not make it mandatory to use that type of weapon.

Another change makes it mandatory for the fielders to remove their gloves when they leave the field. Yet another new rule stipulates that, in scoring from third, the runner must tag up from a stationary position, and not to get a running start from behind the bag.

The regulations now prevent fielders from distracting the batter by waving, or moving, in the swinger's line of vision.

The Committee tightened and clarified four other rules, but their basic intent was not changed.

BROOKLYN

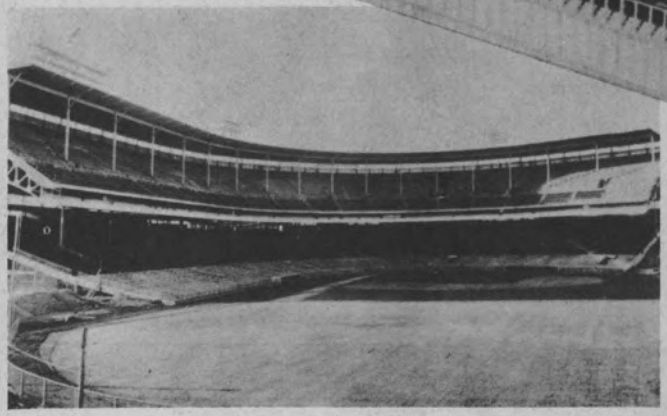
Ebbets Field—Capacity 32,111

Distance from plate to Right Field.....297
Distance from plate to Left Field.....343
Distance from plate to Center Field.....393
Height of Wall in Right Field—Approx. 40 feet to top of screen.
Height of Wall in Left Field—9 feet, 10½ inches.

PHILADELPHIA

Connie Mack Stadium 33,000

Distance from plate to Right Field.....331
Distance from plate to Left Field.....334
Distance from plate to Center Field.....468
Height of Wall in Right Field.....50 feet
Height of Wall in Left Field..... ...12 feet



PITTSBURGH

Forbes Field—Capacity 33,730

Distance from plate to Right Field.....300
Distance from plate to Left Field.....335
Distance from plate to Center Field.....457

MILWAUKEE

County Stadium - Capacity 40,000

Distance from plate to Right Field.....320
Distance from plate to Left Field.....320
Distance from plate to Center Field.....405

CINCINNATI

Crosley Field—Capacity 30,000

Distance from plate to Right Field.....342
Distance from plate to Left Field.....328
Distance from plate to Center Field.....387
Height of Screen in Right Field.....10 feet
Height of Wall in Left Field.....18 feet

ST. LOUIS

Busch Stadium —**Capacity 32,965**

Distance from plate to Right Field.....310
Distance from plate to Left Field.....351
Distance from plate to Center Field.....422
Height of Wall in Right Field—33 feet to top of screen.
Height of Wall in Left Field.....11 feet

NEW YORK

Polo Grounds—Capacity 55,000

Distance from plate to Right Field___257
Distance from plate to Left Field____279
Distance from plate to Center Field__480

Height of Wall in Right Field—10 feet 7⅝ inches.

Height of Wall in Left Field—16 feet 9¾ inches.

CHICAGO

Wrigley Field—Capacity 38,690

Distance from plate to Right Field.....353
Distance from plate to Left Field.....355
Distance from plate to Center Field.....400
Height of Wall in Right Field.....12 feet
Height of Wall in Left Field.....12 feet

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Bill Terry

Christy Mathewson

Rube Marquard

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* Most Years Played 150 or more games (NL)—Mel Ott (10) (1929, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 42).
**Most Years, with one club—Mel Ott (22) (1926-47). Adrian C. Anson (Chicago, NL., 1876-1897). Tyrus R. Cobb (Detroit, AL., 1905-26).
* Most runs, league or lifetime (NL)—Mel Ott (1,859) (1926-47) 22 years.
* Most runs, game (NL)—Mel Ott (6), twice, August 4, 1934 (second game), and April 30, 1944 (first game).
* Most consecutive games, scoring runs (NL)—John Mize (16) (April 24-May 16, 1947) 22 games.
* Most runs batted in, league or lifetime (unofficial tabulation inaugurated 1907; official tabulation adopted 1920) (NL)—Mel Ott (1,860) (1926-47) 22 years.
* Most years 100 or more runs batted in, league (NL)—Mel Ott (9) (1929, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38).
* Most runs batted in, inning (NL)—Fred Merkle (6) (first inning, May 13, 1911).
* Most base hits, season (NL)—Bill Terry (254) (154 games, 1930). Lefty O'Doul, Philadelphia (154 games, 1929).
* Most long hits, lifetime (NL)—Mel Ott (1,071) (1926-47) 22 years.
* Most extra bases on long hits, lifetime (NL)—Mel Ott (2,165) 22 years.
**Most extra bases on long hits, inning (6)—Hack Wilson (third inning, second game July 1, 1925); Hank Leiber (second inning, August 24, 1935); Sid Gordon (second inning, second game, July 31, 1949). Tied with nine others. All on two home runs.
* Most total bases, lifetime (NL)—Mel Ott (5,041) (1926-47) 22 years.
**Most three base hits in game (3)—Ross Youngs (May 11, 1920). Tied with many others.
* Most home runs, lifetime (511)—Mel Ott.
* Most times, two or more homers, game, lifetime (49)—Mel Ott.
**Most home runs, inning (2)—Hack Wilson (third inning, second game, July 1, 1925); Hank Leiber (second inning, August 24, 1935); Sid Gordon (second inning, second game, July 31, 1949). Tied with nine others.
**Most home runs, six consecutive games (7)—George Kelly (July 11, 12 (2), 13, 14, 15, 16, 1924); Walker Cooper (June 22 (2), 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 1947).
* Most bases on balls, lifetime—Mel Ott (1,708) (1926-47).
* Most years, leading league, bases on balls (6)—Mel Ott (1929, 31, 32, 33, 37, 42).
* Most years 100 or more bases on balls (10)—Mel Ott (1929-42).
**Most consecutive years 100 or more bases on ball (7)—Mel Ott (1936-42).
**FIRST BASEMAN, consecutive years leading league, percentage (4)—Dan McGann (1903-06). Tied with three others.
* FIRST BASEMEN, most chances accepted, season—George Kelly (1,862) (155 games, in 1920).
**FIRST BASEMEN, most chances accepted, nine inning game (22)—George Kelly (21 p.o.) (April 26, 1923). Tied with nine others.
* FIRST BASEMEN, most putouts, season—George Kelly (1759) (155 games, 1920).
* THIRD BASEMEN, highest fielding percentage (100 or more games) season—Heinie Groh (.983, 145 games, 1924).
* THIRD BASEMEN, most years leading league in percentage (6) —Heinie Groh (Cincinnati, 1915, 17, 18), (New York, 1922-24).
**THIRD BASEMEN, most chances accepted, game (13)—Arthur Devlin (8 po, 5 a, 2 e) (first game, May 23, 1908). Tied with many others.
* THIRD BASEMEN, participating in most double plays, season (43)—Henry Thompson (138 games, 1950).
**SHORTSTOPS, most consecutive chances accepted, no errors—Buddy Kerr (383) (first game July 28, 1946—May 25, 1947).
**SHORTSTOPS, fewest chances offered game, 12 or more innings (0)—Bill Jurges (Sept. 22, 1942, 12 innings). Tied with four others, 12 innings.
* SHORTSTOPS, most errors, game (5)—Charles Babb (August 24, 1903); Philip Lewis, Brooklyn (July 20, 1905).
**SHORTSTOPS, most consecutive games, no errors (68)—Buddy Kerr (second game, July 28, 1946—May 24, 1947).
* OUTFIELDERS, participating in most double plays, season (12) —Mel Ott (149 games, 1929).
* CATCHERS, highest fielding percentage (100 or more games), season—Wes Westrum (.999, 139 games, 1950).
**CATCHERS, most consecutive putouts (9)—Arthur Wilson (vs. Brooklyn, put out first nine men, morning game, May 30, 1911).
**CATCHERS, most passed balls, season (29)—Frank Bowerman (73 games, 1900).
* PITCHERS, most chances accepted, season—Christy Mathewson (168, 56 games, 1908).
**PITCHERS, most putouts, game (5)—Joe McGinnity (first game, Sept. 4, 1907). Tied with eleven others.
* PITCHERS, most assists, season—Christy Mathewson (141, 56 games, 1908).
**PITCHERS, participating in most double plays, season (12—Art Nehf) (40 games, 1920); Ed Rommel, Philadelphia, AL, (43 games, 1924); Curt Davis, Philadelphia, NL, (51 games, 1934).
**Most times pitching two games, one day, lifetime (5)—Joe McGinnity.
* Most innings pitched, season—Joe McGinnity (434, 1903).
**Lowest earned run average (1912 to date)—Ferd Schupp (0.90 30 games, 140 innings, 1916).
**Most hits off one pitcher, season (1900 to date)—Joe McGinnity (Baltimore, 401, 1901); (New York, 392, 1903).
* Most total bases off pitcher, game (39)—Luther Taylor, (Sept. 23, 1903).
* Most games won, league (373)—Christy Mathewson New York —Cincinnati, 17 years, (1900-16); Grover Alexander Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, 20 years, (1911-30).
* Most games won, season (37)—Christy Mathewson, 1908.
**Winning 28 or more games in three or more consecutive seasons (3)—Christy Mathewson (1903-05); Cy Young, Boston, AL; Walter Johnson, Washington; Grover Alexander, Philadelphia, NL.
* Most consecutive shutout games, season (4)—Sal Maglie (1950, pitched 45 consecutive innings without a run being scored); Mordecai Brown, Chicago, NL; Grover Alexander, Philadelphia, NL; Ed Ruelbach, Chicago, NL; Bill Lee, Chicago, NL.
* Most consecutive shutout innings—Carl Hubbell (46-1/3 innings, 1933).
**Most consecutive innings, no bases on balls—Christy Mathewson (68, 1913).
* Most strikeouts, league—Christy Mathewson (2499, New York and Cincinnati, 1900-16).
**PITCHERS, most shutouts, first two major league games (2)—Allan Worthington, NY. Tied with Joseph Doyle, NY, (AL); John Marcum, Philadelphia (AL); David Ferriss, Boston AL).
**PITCHERS, leading league in earned runs and won-lost percentage, first year—Hoyt Wilhelm, 1952, earned run average 2.43. Won 15. Lost 3, .833.
**PINCH HITTING—Most hits season (22)—Sam Leslie (1932).
**Most consecutive games won, season (19)—Rube Marquard (1912).
Most consecutive games won (2 seasons)—Carl Hubbell (24), 16 in 1936 and 8 n 1937.
**CLUB BATTING—Highest percentage, season—New York (.319, 154 games, 1930).
* Most runs batted in, one club, game (26)—New York vs. Brooklyn, first game, April 30, 1944.
**Most hits, one club, nine inning game (31)—New York (June 9, 1901).
**Most three base hits, one club, inning (4)—New York (July 17, 1936); tied with Brooklyn, in succession, (August 23, 1902); Cleveland (May 8, 1922); Cincinnati (July 22, 1926); Boston, AL, in succession, (May 6, 1934).
* Most years, 100 or more home runs (22)—New York.
**Most home runs, club, one season (221)—New York, 1947.
* Most home runs, club, one game (7)—New York (three times) vs. Cincinnati (June 6, 1939); vs. Philadelphia (first game, August 13, 1939); vs. Cincinnati (June 24, 1950).
**Most home runs, one club, in an inning (5)—New York (fourth inning, June 6, 1939, Danning, Demaree, Whitehead, Salvo, Moore).
**Most home runs with bases filled, one club, game (2)—New York (Westrum, Williams, July 13, 1951); (George Kelly, Travis Jackson, second game, September 5, 1924); (Dick Bartell, Gus Mancuso, second game, July 4, 1938); tied with Chicago, AL; Philadelphia, AL; Philadelphia, NL; Pittsburgh, NL; St. Louis, NL; Boston, AL; Boston, NL.
* Most hit batsmen, one club, season (52)—New York (158 games, 1917).
* Most bases on balls, one club, game (17)—New York (first game, April 30, 1944). Tied with Brooklyn.
* Most double plays, one club, game (6)—New York (1928 and 1932). Tied with Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia.
**Most stolen bases, inning (4)—New York (Josh Devore, June 20, 1912).
**Most stolen bases, one club, season (347)—New York, (154 games, 1911).
* Most stolen bases, club, one game (11)—New York (vs. Boston, June 20, 1912). Tied with St. Louis, NL.
**Shortest game by time (51 minutes)—New York (vs. Philadelphia, first game, September 28, 1919).
**Longest 1-0 game, eighteen innings—New York (vs. St. Louis, July 2, 1933). Tied with Washington vs. Chicago, 1918; Washington vs. Chicago, 1947.
**Scoring in every inning, nine inning game—New York (vs. Philadelphia, 22—8, June 1, 1923); (vs. Cincinnati, 13—3, July 19, 1949, scored in each of eight innings, did not bat in ninth). Tied with Boston, AL; Cleveland; St. Louis, NL; Pittsburgh; New York, AL; Chicago, AL.
**Most consecutive innings, scoring, club (14)—New York July 19, (3); July 19, (8); July 20, (3); 1949.
**Most consecutive club victories (26)—New York (1916, all at home).
**Most consecutive games won at start of season (9)—New York (April 16—26, 1918). Tied with Brooklyn, St. Louis, AL.
**Most consecutive games won on road (17)—New York, 1916.
* Most consecutive doubleheaders won (4)—New York (vs. Boston, September 10, 11, 13, 14, 1928). Tied with Brooklyn.
**Managers' championship record (10 years)—John J. McGraw (1904, 5, 11, 12, 13, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24).
* Managers' consecutive championship records (4)—John J. McGraw (1921, 22, 23, 24).
* Consecutive pennants, club (4)—New York (1921, 22, 23, 24).

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The "gentleman from the Times" has won a reputation among his own craft as one of its finest reporters. He is entering his 28th year as a sports reporter, and within that experience, there is a thorough knowledge and command of many sports. Probably no sports reporter in New York has covered so many events in different fields. He was first assigned to baseball in 1931, and the game has been his major responsibility since 1935. A past officer of the Baseball Writers' Association, and a moving spirit behind the annual Baseball Writers' show.

CHARLES FEENEY, LONG ISLAND STAR-PRESS

As a newspaperman, the youthful Feeney's are inherited talents. Both his father and uncle were noted city-side reporters in New York, who between them produced major headlines for many years. Like them, the junior member of the family is a hard-hitting reporter, who digs relentlessly for his stories. Informed and informative he brings the Polo Grounds' story to thousands of Giant fans in Queens and the Long Island areas.

ROGER KAHN, HERALD TRIBUNE

One of the younger ball scribes who has come to the front quickly as a gifted writer and able reporter. A contributor to national magazines he is also the author this year of a baseball book "The Baseball Almanac" published by Doubleday, Inc. A native of Brooklyn, he entered the newspaper field as a college correspondent during undergraduate days at N. Y. U. Covered general sports until assigned to the baseball beat three years ago.

JOE KING, WORLD-TELEGRAM AND SUN

Joe King ranks among the New York sports authorities. As an all-around reporter, he has, during his career, covered the entire field. A thorough baseball student, he has won a wide reputation as an analyst and knowing commentator of the game, and is equally well known as a gridiron expert. He has been covering the Giants for the past fifteen seasons.

BARNEY KREMENKO, JOURNAL-AMERICAN

A sports writer who calls all the shots. He brought to the Polo Grounds press box an observing eye and all the reporter's instincts, and his writing skills reflect a thorough training and long experience. A long-time track and field authority, he has won similar recognition among baseball people. Began his newspaper career on the old Brooklyn Times twenty five years ago, and has been one of the Journal-American staff stalwarts for the past fifteen.

JIM McCULLEY, DAILY NEWS

Another veteran diamond campaigner, and a writing stylist singularly adapted to tabloid requirements. Long noted and admired in the craft for his ability "under the gun"; few can match the smooth easy flow of his writing when edition deadlines begin to crowd. A New Yorker by adoption, hailing from Cleveland where he absorbed his early newspaper experience as a member of the Cleveland News sports staff. Joined the Daily News sports staff in 1942 and has been covering the Polo Grounds news beat ever since.

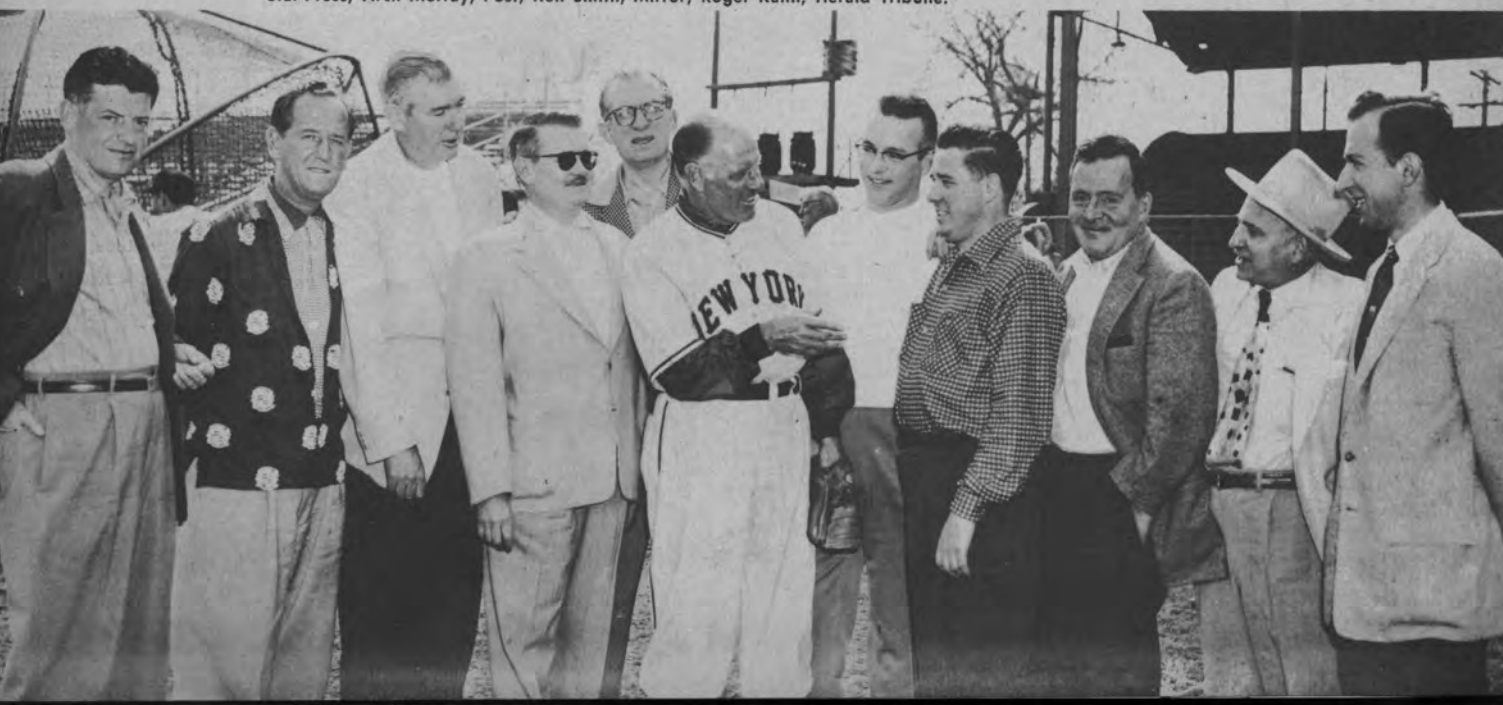
ARCH MURRAY, NEW YORK POST

Another able baseball reporter who has won a wide following in New York during the past decade. Murray is a fans' baseball writer, always giving expression to the fans' point of view, and with his colorful and vivid writing presenting the game in its most appealing character. A graduate of Princeton, he joined the Post's staff as a football writer, but his talents were an admirable fit for the baseball "beat" and he was assigned to that field fifteen years ago. He has been covering the Polo Grounds' scene for the past several seasons.

KEN SMITH, NEW YORK DAILY MIRROR

As the dean of the Polo Grounds Press Box fraternity, Ken Smith has seen three generations of Giant ball players come and go, and has written glowingly about them all. He has been covering the Giants since 1927. He began his newspaper career in Waterbury, Conn., where his crisp prose and informative reporting won quick recognition and brought him post-haste to New York, where for twenty years now he has been one of the most admired members of the craft.

MET. PRESS contingent gets Spring line from Giant skipper at Phoenix. Left to right: Milt Gross, Post Columnist; Lou Effrat, Times; Jim McCulley, Daily News; Joe King, World-Telegram and Sun; Barney Kremenko, Journal-American; Leo Durocher; Esteen Woody, Newark News; Charles Feeney, Long-Island Star-Press; Arch Murray, Post; Ken Smith, Mirror; Roger Kahn, Herald Tribune.



THEY'RE ON THE AIR

Popular members of the Giants' "team" are the men who man the microphones at the Polo Grounds, broadcasters Russ Hodges and the young New Englander who has joined him this year, Bob De Laney. Their colorful descriptions of the diamond action as the Giants drive through the National League campaign adds much to the enjoyment of those who follow New York's baseball fortunes.

The effervescent Hodges is one of the top stars of Television and Radio, a broadcaster with a national reputation. Best known as the "Voice of the Polo Grounds," he is nonetheless in demand for all types of sports' telecasts. He is a football authority, too, and in recent years he has been the voice you have heard on that national boxing hookup.

phone into all parts of the country. He got his start in baseball covering Cub and White Sox games in Chicago in 1935. Switching to Washington in 1938, he remained there through 1945. Three years at Yankee Stadium followed, and he has been a member of the Giants' family ever since.

The junior member of the firm, has come to the front spectacularly. A baseball parallel would be a flashy rookie who made the grade on the first try. Only 29, Bob is already in his fifth season as a major league broadcaster.

To repeat the talented rookie simile he wasn't yet out of his teens when he got and held his first radio job, at Station WTHT in Hartford in 1941. Quitting it to pursue his education at Syracuse University he kept his hand in by serving as a staff announcer at WFBL in

GIANTS ON THE AIR are capably handled by Russ Hodges (right) and Bob De Laney.

Though only in his early forties, Russ is one of the real veterans of the air waves, a thoroughly skilled craftsman who translates action on the field into word pictures that tell the whole story. Twenty four years at the microphone, sixteen of them in the major leagues, qualify him for the job as few microphone personalities are qualified.

At the Polo Grounds he has won a following all his own. His concise and accurate descriptions of the play, his ability to distinguish between excitement and hysteria, and the intimate knowledge of the game and those who play it that is revealed by his broadcasts have made him a solid favorite with New York audiences.

Before the Polo Grounds got to know him as a permanent resident, Russ travelled a roundabout route. Born, raised and educated in Kentucky he has carried his micro-

Syracuse.

The Service beckoned then, and again his talents were quickly recognized. He was assigned to General MacArthur's Public Relations Radio Section in Manila and later in Tokyo.

With the war over he returned to Syracuse as a sports' announcer, specializing in football. His immediate success there led him to broader fields, specifically to WHDH in Boston, where he announced Boston College, Harvard and Boston University football games. By 1950 he was on the baseball beat, teaming up with Curt Gowdy on the Boston Red Sox broadcasts.

Bob is married and is the father of two children, Kathleen and Robert.

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APRIL

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 BKLYN	NITE 14 BKLYN	15	16	17
18	19 PITTS	20 PITTS	21	22	NITE 23 PHILA	24 PHILA
25 PHILA	26	27	28	29	30	

MAY

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23	24	NITE 25 PITTS	26 PITTS	27	NITE 28 BKLYN	29 BKLYN
30 BKLYN	31					

JUNE

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20 ST. L	21 ST. L	NITE 22 MILWK	23 MILWK	24 MILWK	NITE 25 CHI	26 CHI
27 CHI	28	NITE 29 BKLYN	30 BKLYN			

JULY

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4	2 PHILA	5	6	7	8	9 PITTS
10 PITTS	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	NITE 26 ST. L	27 ST. L	28 ST. L	29 ST. L	NITE 30 CINN
31 CINN						

AUGUST

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2	1	2	NITE 3 CHI	4 CHI	5 CHI	NITE 6 MILWK
7 MILWK	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	NITE 17 PHILA	18 PHILA	19 PHILA	NITE 20 PITTS
21 PITTS	22 PITTS	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

SEPTEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5 BKLYN	6	7	8 CHI	9 CHI	10 CINN	11 CINN
12 ST. L	13 ST. L	NITE 14 MILWK	15 MILWK	16 MILWK	17 PHILA	18 PHILA
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